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## Residents evacuated in fear of explosion

THIRTY homes were evacuated when a car ploughed into a house and damaged a gas pipe, sparking fears of an explosion in Walsall.

A Volkswagen Polo hit a terraced house in Caldmore, dislodging a pipe.

Residents raised the alarm and Hart Street was cordoned off by police who smelled gas when they arrived at the scene at about 4pm on Monday. Up to 50 residents waited outside for more than an hour in heavy showers, taking shelter under trees and in a nearby car park.

### Pavement

The car had mounted a pavement in the narrow street and come to rest against the house, clipping the gas pipe in the process.

The house escaped with minor damage to the brickwork and front door. The male driver was not injured.

Watch commander Ian Gough said: "It seems the car came around the corner and lost control, shearing the gas pipe up to a safety valve and leaking gas into the street. There was the potential for an explosion so one of our lads went in and bent the pipe over and sealed it up. The engineers came along and put clamps on to make it safe."

"It was unfortunate that the heavens opened when everyone was evacuated."

## Tributes to housing boss

TRIBUTES have been made to the leader of a housing association in Walsall who has died, aged 50.

Ursula Barrington joined tenant-run Watmos Community Homes as chief executive in 2009. The mother-of-two from Solihull, who had heart problems, died last week at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Her son Jack, 24, and daughter Tamsin, 23, were at her bedside.

Vice-chairman of Watmos Bill Edwards said she was "caring, compassionate and an inspirational leader."

# £3M GRANT FOR 200 NEW HOMES

**MORE than £3 million has been secured towards building hundreds of new homes across Walsall.**

The cashpot for 207 properties has been awarded from a Government grant to Walsall Housing Group for projects in Brownhills, Bloxwich and Blakenall.

The money will also enable housing bosses to develop sites in Coalpool and Willenhall over the next three years.

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has agreed to the funding to support the building of homes for affordable rent.

The HCA is the national housing and regeneration body for England and the £3.1m is from the Affordable Housing Guarantee Programme.

### Significant

It provided funding for three schemes which recently started on sites in Barracks Lane, Blakenall; Deakin Avenue, Brownhills; and Kemphorne Gardens, Bloxwich. They are due to be completed next March.

And the cash injection will allow the borough-based housing association to develop three key strategic sites in Coalpool, Brownhills and Willenhall.

This latest round of funding means Walsall Housing Group will have acquired £9.2m of external funding provision this year for a total of 497 new build rented homes.

The developments will be built on the group's own land and the latest develop-

ments mean that it has started on site, or obtained funding commitments, to build on 75 per cent of its land bank sites.

WHG's head of development Mark Tranter said: "These are exciting times for WHG as we continue to develop and deliver a major residential development programme over the next five years."

"This latest round of funding is a significant step in allowing us to build more affordable quality homes in Walsall and respond to local housing need."

"We are committed to developing homes and investing in regeneration of our local communities to create places that people are proud to live and work in."

Walsall's regeneration chief and deputy council leader Adrian Andrew said: "This is great news for the borough as the allocation will make a real difference to our combined efforts to provide much-needed affordable homes for our residents."

WALSALL Manor Hospital needs to find up to 60 extra beds to cope with demand anticipated this winter.

The trust which runs the hospital is facing a beds shortage after having to open more permanent wards to deal with rising admissions. This has meant there is no spare capacity and bosses will spend the next two months drawing up a plan of action, including looking at providing more services within the community.

A&E in line for £1 million boost – see page 5

### Report by Craig Hughes

## Car driver dies in head-on bus crash



The badly damaged X51 double decker bus and debris



A crane is attached to remove the wreckage of the car

A MOTORIST was killed and eight bus passengers injured in a head-on collision between a car and double decker bus on a busy route in Walsall.

The 34-year-old motorist was declared dead at the scene after the crash involving his Honda Jazz and the X51 bus in Birmingham Road. He was named locally as Majid Hussain.

The County Hotel near the crash scene became a refuge for 17 passengers who were treated by ambulance staff after the collision at about 6.05pm on Monday. A total of 25 people were seen by paramedics.

The car driver was pulled from the wreckage before paramedics battled to save him on the roadside.

Neighbours said they heard a loud bang and were shocked by the 'carnage' they saw on the road, one of the main routes into Walsall.

The car was on the wrong side of the road when it ploughed into the front of the bus. Police are investigating the circumstances of the collision.

### Sobbed

Family members of the driver, who is from Walsall, arrived in the hours after the smash, and sobbed and consoled each other as they watched police clear the scene.

Dozens of people have paid tribute to the victim, with more than 100 leaving comments on a Facebook page.

Friend Zia Hussain, a Wolverhampton University law student, said: "Maj

was a really nice guy. Everyone will say the same thing, Maj was always smiling whether it was at work, with family, with friends or at the mosque."

The 24-year-old added: "He was a family-orientated man and we are all shocked by what has happened."

Five patients were immobilised using neck collars and spinal boards before being taken to hospital. Two, including the bus driver, were taken to Walsall Manor and three to Sandwell Hospital. The casualties included a man with a throat injury after being thrown forward and a woman with a knee injury. Three more had minor injuries.

The road was closed for about four hours while police carried out investigations into the crash

## Be wary of pests on your doorstep

WALSALL Council is warning residents about bogus callers posing as pest control officers.

Trading standards officers are urging people to be on their guard after cold-callers have been reported knocking on doors across the borough offering to clear wasp nests or bugs from people's home for a fee.

Householders are encouraged to check the caller's credentials to ensure they are qualified or experienced, otherwise they make take a fee without carrying out the job properly.

### Tempted

Public health boss Councillor Zahir Ali said: "Do not be tempted to take up the offer of cold-callers offering to remove any nest of bees or wasps, as you may find that the person offering the service is an opportunist who has no specialist knowledge of this work."

"You might end up paying out a large fee only to find the pests have not been dealt with properly. Contact the council directly if you need a pest control service."

Walsall Council employs three experienced full-time pest control officers who offer treatments to homeowners and tenants. Treatments may be free for people in receipt of benefits.

Contact Walsall Council on 01922 653344 for advice.

## Three hurt on Keyway

THREE people were taken to hospital after a two-car smash on a main road in Willenhall at the weekend.

A man, believed to be aged in his 40s, was freed from his Volkswagen Bora and taken to hospital with neck injuries after the crash on The Keyway.

The driver and a passenger in the second vehicle, a BMW 3 series, were also taken to hospital as a precaution.

The accident happened at 10.40am on Sunday near to the Black Country Route.

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## Man sentenced for trying to use stolen bank book

A FRAUDSTER who attempted to withdraw £5,000 from a bank using a stolen passbook has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Raymond Keats, 47, from Blakenall, had tried to withdraw cash from a Cheltenham and Gloucester bank in Lichfield. Walsall Magistrates Court was told he made a second attempt to withdraw £1,000 using the passbook but was again refused.

Miss Maxine McIntosh, prosecuting,

said: "The defendant had attempted to withdraw £5,000 by using a stolen passbook. The passbook had a balance of £35,000.

"When the defendant spoke to a member of staff, the staff informed him he was unable to withdraw that amount and he could withdraw no more than £1,000.

"The defendant proceeded to ask for £1,000 but had no ID. The withdrawal was refused."

Suspensions arose after the owner

of the passbook was called by the bank to get feedback about his visit to the Lichfield branch.

Keats, of Ingram Road, was arrested and admitted one charge of fraud by false representation.

Mrs Sheila Hicklin, mitigating, said Keats had been given the stolen passbook by a man who said he had found it.

When Keats was refused at the bank, the man who gave him the passbook took it back off him.

She said Keats had been drinking, which affected his judgement. He had drug and alcohol misuse issues, drinking three cans of strong lager every morning to help him cope.

Keats was given a 12-week prison sentence, suspended for a year.

He was given a 12-month community order and six-month alcohol treatment requirements.

He was ordered to pay £85 costs and £80 victim surcharge.

## Accused admits killing Ben, 16

A MAN has admitted killing teenager Ben Morutire outside a social club in Smethwick. Andy Ly pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Ly, 18, of Fulmer Walk, Ladywood, Birmingham, along with co-accused Omar Robinson, 19, of Rann Close, Ladywood, had been on trial for 16-year-old Ben's murder. But at the end of the prosecution's case, Ly's plea to the lesser charge of manslaughter was on Tuesday of last week accepted. The charge of murder against Robinson was dropped. He was told he had no case to answer.

Both Ly and Robinson pleaded guilty to violent disorder and will be sentenced at a later date.

Ben, of Holden Crescent, Coalpool, Walsall, died from a stab wound to the leg on July 28 with witnesses in the trial claiming up to 80 men chased him.

He had attended an 18th birthday party and was found near Smethwick Old Guards and Comrades Club. He died in Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The court heard that Ben had been trying to protect a friend during a scuffle.

Prosecutor Mr Michael Burrows QC, said Ly was seen walking away with a bloodstained T-shirt after the attack and was heard saying: "I stabbed him up."

The trial continues of five other men who deny violent disorder in connection with the incident.

## Social club flats plan

A SOCIAL club will be transformed into flats under new plans.

Station Street Working Men's Club, in Palfrey, could be turned into 16 flats and offered as social housing or student accommodation.

Business owner Andrew Fallow has lodged plans with Walsall Council for the Milton Street venue.

Planning agent Damian Field said: "The club at present is no longer a true working men's club. It is being run as a pub and is only open on certain days. The numbers are dwindling."

# £5m college business hub to get council land

AROUND 180 apprentices a year will be trained at a multi-million pound business and sports campus planned in Walsall, as college bosses seek more land for its expansion.

Up to 120 jobs will be created during the construction of the hub which is earmarked for land next to the main Walsall College campus. It is expected to cost up to £5 million.

## Health HQ for youth is launched

A NEW base providing offering health services for young people has been officially launched in Walsall.

Canalside in Bloxwich is being run by Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. It was officially opened by the Deputy Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Peter Smith last Thursday.

The new facility houses a range of mental health services for children and young people in Walsall.

Councillor Smith said: "This is a very important building which provides first class mental health services for young people in Walsall."

Chairman of the Trust, Glyn Shaw, said: "Hundreds of local young people and their families will benefit from our brand new facility. It offers a high quality, bright new environment with nine dedicated therapy rooms, a brand new family therapy suite and also a fully equipped clinical room."

Services based at the centre include Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, the Early Intervention in First Episode Psychosis Service and the Eating Disorders Service. It is also the Central England centre for the national Deaf Children, Young People and Family Service.

An initial bid has been made to the Skills Funding Agency resulting in an 'in principle' approval, although a full application is due to be submitted in September.

College bosses are seeking to buy council-owned land around the former Lime House site, in Littleton Street. The decision-making Walsall Council cabinet gave the green light for disposal of the land at market value when they met on Wednesday.

### Benefits

A report from head of regeneration, Simon Tranter, stated: "The project will provide economic and community benefits to the borough. The clearest impact will be the direct employment in new enterprises supported through the Business hub."

"The economic impact of the hub should increase as new businesses are created each year and other businesses continue to mature and potentially take on more employees."

"A further major impact is the additional employment and productivity generated through the apprenticeship programme."

"The project will improve the environment of the town centre, bringing into use what is currently a vacant site."

Director of operations and resources at Walsall College Deb Rajania said: "We are proud to be continuing our campus development with the help of Walsall Council."

## End of an era as teachers retire



Headteacher Elizabeth Jordan and deputy headteacher Mark Ayles have both retired from the Mary Elliot Special School in Walsall after almost 40 years combined service

IT WAS the end of an era at Walsall special school when the head teacher and her deputy retired after a combined service of almost 40 years.

Head Elizabeth Jordan, 59, and her second in command Mark Ayles, 58, said an emotional goodbye to students, parents and staff at Mary Elliot Special School.

Mrs Jordan joined the school in 1991 as head teacher. In her retirement she hopes to travel and is considering moving to France.

She said: "It has been a very emotional but absolutely wonderful last few weeks. I have just been overwhelmed by it all. I have had an incredible time."

Mrs Jordan was inspired to teach special

needs children after completing work experience at a special needs school as a teenager.

She said: "Special education has changed a tremendous amount. The opportunities now offered are wonderful and it is an absolute joy to see these young people develop."

It has been a fantastic career. I will miss it very much and would like to thank all my staff past and present for their dedication."

Mr Ayles, who lives in Wolverhampton, has worked at the school for 16 years. He said: "I have loved it. It has been a great and it has been a pleasure to work with Liz and the other staff to create an outstanding school."

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## Bridge project in key phase

WORK has begun to build a replacement railway bridge in Walsall as part of a £26 million scheme to transform the road network and help create jobs in the borough.

Bentley Road South was closed in April for up to 18 months as part of the preparation works for the new bridge project.

But it has now also been closed to pedestrians and cyclists too, in order to allow work to push ahead.

Four major junctions and two bridges are set to be upgraded in Darlaston and Pleck as part of the major roads scheme.

The replacement railway bridge is due to be the first piece of work in the long-awaited road scheme, designed to unlock vacant industrial land in Darlaston and Bentley and create thousands of jobs in regeneration projects.

### Government

The scheme is due to go forward final Government approval this month.

Walsall Council will put forward the final business case to the Department for Transport, asking for funding to be released.

The council has supported legal orders to buy up pieces of land that will enable the multi-million pound Darlaston Strategic Development Area project to push forward.

Walsall Council's regeneration and transport chief Adrian Andrew said: "In Darlaston and Pleck we're improving the road network so that parcels of land can be unlocked for development."

"Continuing the work on the bridge is an important next step."

## Kidnap suspect appears in court

A TEENAGER has appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court charged with the attempted kidnap of a girl in Brownhills.

Mark Adams, of Shannon Drive, Brownhills, is accused of grabbing the girl on Chester Road on July 20 and was remanded in custody.

The 18-year-old from Brownhills was arrested at his home last week.

# Perfect attendance record for primary pupil



No days ill or off for dedicated Charlotte

A DEDICATED primary school pupil has scored top marks with teachers after achieving a perfect attendance record.

Brownhills youngster Charlotte Bleakley, aged 11, was congratulated by staff at Watling Street School for her achievement as the school broke up for the summer holidays.

She has completed eight-and-a-half years at the school, including her time in the nursery, without taking a single day's absence for either holiday or sickness.

Charlotte's father Keith, of Hednesford

Road, said he and wife Lesley are very proud of their daughter's commitment.

"Charlotte puts school above almost everything else," said 49-year-old Mr Bleakley. "Anything she plans at all has to be with the school taken into account."

"If ever we're planning to go on holiday and the flights are on a Friday, she'll tell us to find flights for another day."

"We're totally amazed by how well she's got through school."

Father-of-three Mr Bleakley said education was very important in their household,

with Charlotte's eldest sister Sarah, 24, having just completed university and middle daughter Emma, 18, expected to get As and A's in her A-level grades.

Charlotte, who wants to be a maths teacher, says she decided in Year 2 that after achieving no absences she wanted to carry it through until she left the school.

She also said receiving a certificate and £15 worth of WHSmith vouchers for her achievement made her very happy. "I liked getting a certificate and a prize," said the youngster, whose favourite subject is maths.

# Car park owners to discuss helping trade

TRANSPORT chiefs are calling meetings with private companies operating car parks in Walsall town centre to discuss ways to pull in more shoppers and boost trade.

by Lisa O'Brien

Firms including NCP and Topland, the new owners of Saddlers Shopping Centre, will be invited to talk to council chiefs.

Fees were reduced on council-owned car parks in an attempt to attract more shoppers.

Some on-street car parking charges were also scrapped for the first two hours.

It comes as more businesses have been springing up in the town centre, with major schemes in the pipeline including a new Primark store and the regeneration of the St Matthew's Quarter.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, regeneration and transport boss for Walsall Council, said: "I will be looking at how the private sector can help with parking in the town centre."

"We've got the NCP Asda, Saddlers Centre and Crown Wharf car parks."

I've already asked officers to organise meetings.

"We want to see how the private car park operators

can support our town centre, particularly over the Christmas period."

Three-quarters of the car park spaces in Walsall town centre are privately owned.

Tesco Extra, in Littleton Street West, offers two hours of free parking in its 750-space car park.

### Revenue

The cash-strapped council has previously complained it has missed out on revenue because of drivers snubbing car parks and leaving their vehicles on the streets.

It slashed its own car park fees earlier this year after it was revealed use of its sites had dropped by almost 30 per cent.

Charges were cut by up to 40 per cent with all-day parking falling from £5 to £3.

Meanwhile, NCP reduced its all-day fees to £3 at its Freer Street and Station Street car parks.

## Third night market hailed a success



Hundreds of people wander through Walsall night market enjoying the record number of stalls and the entertainment

HUNDREDS of shoppers packed out Walsall town centre for the latest night market which attracted a record number of stalls.

Musicians and theatre groups were among those on hand to entertain the crowds of visitors who descended for last Thursday night's event, the third time the market had been held.

Among them was 31-year-old Sally Parsley, who was attending for the second time. She said: "It was a really good night and the atmosphere was really nice. I decided to come down with my aunt because one of her col-

leagues had mentioned it to her and she told me about it. We bought some jewellery and it is just something really nice for the town."

Joyce Marshall had a stall at the market selling hand-knitted clothes.

### Brilliant

The 72-year-old, from Walsall Wood, took part in the last night market which was held in March. She said: "I thought it was brilliant."

"There were loads of people and it was really well-organised and I was very pleased with how it went. I think it is a really good idea and it is some-

thing a bit different which is getting people into the town."

Walsall Council regeneration chief Adrian Andrew also attended with his family. He said: "The atmosphere was brilliant and it was great to see the town so busy."

"We had a lot going on with street performances and music, which is really adding something to the event."

He added: "In these difficult financial times we need to do all we can to get people into the town and hopefully those who come and see what the night markets are about will be encouraged to keep coming to Walsall"

## NEWS in brief

### Rugby club has expansion plans

A RUGBY club will expand its clubhouse with a new rehabilitation gym, showers and changing facilities to help it grow in the future, under new plans.

Veseyans Rugby Football Club, in Streety, wants to build a single storey extension onto its clubhouse and install three new floodlights for its pitches.

The club, in Little Hardwick Road, is struggling to cope with the high demand from sport teams using its facilities.

Junior teams currently use shower and changing facilities in a temporary building.

Separate plans were lodged last month to create a new pitch at the club, with a decision yet to be made by planners.

### Playscheme will have bible theme

PLACES are available for a holiday playscheme being held at Walsall's Green Lane Baptist Church next week.

Registrations forms can be collected for the Space Academy Holiday Club Doors open from 10am to midday. The cost is £1 per day or £4 for the five days.

The theme will be based on the biblical story of Daniel in the lion's den.

Families can book places for children, aged five to 11, on 01922 625821. Or just turn up on Monday, August 5, at 9.45am.

### Ramblers head to Cheshire height

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Lamaload Reservoir, near Macclesfield, for an 11-mile circular walk on Sunday.

This is a moderate walk in east Cheshire across rugged country to Shining Tor, the highest point in the county.

Non-members are welcome and should contact the walk leader for further information on 01543 321770 or see www.walsallramblers.co.uk website

### Walk cash rolls in for Rosie's charity

A WALK held in memory of a Aldridge teenager Rosie Ross who was fatally stabbed in 2001 has already raised more than £8,000 for Rosie's Helping Hands.

Hundreds gathered for Rosie's Charity Walk and Festival at Aldridge Airport this month.

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## NEWS

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



FROM the Met Office monthly forecast for August: "It will be warm in any prolonged sunnier spells." No kidding?

FOR the technical, little Prince George is the heir apparent to the heir apparent to the heir apparent. Apparently.

I SUPPOSE it's too late to give the royal sprog a fourth forename, just to mark the fact that he was born on the hottest day of the year? King Scorchio the First sounds terrific.

A ROYAL myth that needs nailing is the claim that this little prince somehow "secures the monarchy." Nothing is more secure than the British monarchy because there are about 60 million of us in line for the throne. The rules of succession ensure that if the entire Windsor dynasty were wiped out tomorrow, the crown would pass to the closest uncle, nephew or cousin. If they mysteriously popped their clogs, the succession would continue via the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Lord Chancellor, Archbishop of York, Prime Minister, Lord President of the Privy Council and Speaker of the House of Commons. And if they all died, the crown would pass into the common herd. At some stage you and I, dear reader, are in the running. In fact, the arrival of a new prince has probably pushed you down the order of succession from about 45,876,107th to 45,876,108th. Even as we rejoice, we are usurped.

WHATEVER happened to republicanism? Until recently, those of us who thought a constitutional monarchy was a pretty neat thing were howled down by hordes of rabid anti-monarchists who told us sternly that kings and queens had no place in the modern world and that a British Republic was long overdue. But after a couple of riotously successful jubilees, a royal wedding, Her Majesty starring with James Bond at the Olympics and the arrival of Prince George, the republicans seem to have gone very quiet, not only in Britain but also in Australia where republicanism was once a force to be reckoned with. It always occurred to me that those who gracelessly snarled "another mouth to feed" at the news of every royal birth were inspired almost entirely by envy and a curious affection for a colourless constitution. The republicans have absolutely no answer to people enjoying themselves.

INCIDENTALLY, has there ever been a worse time to be Australian? Rubbish in the Olympics, rubbish in the rugby, rubbish in the Test and then the Yanks come along and bomb your Great Barrier Reef.

THE BBC Sport website asks: "Ashes 2013: Are Australia set for years as underdogs?" Shouldn't that be underdogs?

A SEX offender is on the run in Germany having chipped a hole in his cell in Hamburg using a spoon. Not a paedophile, then?

THE headline which appeared to announce "Cameron to unveil online porn club" turns out to be "Cameron to unveil online porn curb." Must get some new reading glasses.

J K ROWLING has a bit of a downer on the tabloid Press. She appeared at the Leveson Inquiry where a succession of lawyers (noble, trustworthy pillars of society) denounced a succession of journalists (slimy, heartless guttersnipes). So guess which profession leaked Rowling's most precious secret - that she was "Robert Galbraith," author of the mystery, The Cuckoo's Calling? That's right, it was a lawyer. A lawyer in the firm that represents her. Such a noble profession, eh?

YES, it is an odd word. A reader asks why the NHS is controlled by trusts when, in some cases, the last thing you'd ever do is trust them.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Man sentenced for starving dog to death

A MAN who allowed his neighbour's dog to starve to death while he was supposed to be looking after it has been ordered to do unpaid work.

Dean Fellows had been asked to care for the Jack Russell cross breed called Ruby for just over two weeks.

The 22-year-old, from Leamore, Walsall, had previously looked after the pet belonging to Margaret Doherty, feeding and walking the animal. But between December 27 last year and January 11 this year

the three-year-old dog was left to deteriorate to an emaciated state, Walsall Magistrates Court was told.

Fellows, of Dorset Place, was seen taking the dog's body in a plastic bag and putting it in a barrel at the bottom of his neighbour's garden.

Prosecuting for the RSPCA, Nick Sutton said Fellows had been asked to look after the dog for 16 days.

"The case came to light when information was received by the RSPCA that a carcass of an animal

had been seen at the property," said Mr Sutton. "It was in the back garden that officers found a blue plastic barrel."

Fellows had been given two cans of dog food by the owner before she left. "After the food ran out the animal was shut in a downstairs room and given no food," Mr Sutton added.

Nigel Ford, defending, said: "The owner of the dog sits at the back of court in support of the defendant."

"She leaves the dog at home for two weeks, leaves two cans of food and expects somebody on benefits to pay for food and even, in fact, electricity in the property. This wasn't a deliberate act but his none actions led to the death of the dog."

Fellows was sentenced to 12 weeks imprisonment, suspended for 12 months. He was ordered to carry out 240 hours of unpaid work and to pay £1,071 in costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

## Tenants get help to swap housing

PEOPLE in Walsall who are facing a shortfall in benefit payments towards their rent are being given a helping hand to swap their home.

Since April, around 2,800 Walsall Housing Group tenants have been hit by Government changes which cut their housing benefit if they were deemed to be under-occupying their home, which has been dubbed the 'bedroom tax'.

The housing association has launched its Let's Swap scheme to help people wanting to move.

Let'sSwap is a mutual exchange system developed to enable tenants to move around the West Midlands.

A dedicated team at the housing association is encouraging customers to register for a swap with via 'choose & move' lettings and exchange system. Once registered, customers can see and apply to swap homes with other tenants.

Sarah Johnson, tenancy services manager at Walsall Housing Group, said: "We now know that 2,238 affected residents are prepared to pay the extra to stay in their homes. However 228 wish to avoid the extra cost by moving to another property. We have already helped around 100 of that total do so."

Call 0300 555 6666.

## Candidates announced

CANDIDATES have been announced for the Aldridge Central and South by-election.

UKIP has chosen Liz Hazell as its candidate while Bob Grainger will represent Labour and Chris Newey will stand for the English Democrats. The Liberal Democrat candidate is Roy Sheward and Conservative candidate is Timothy Simon Wilson. The by-election takes place on August 15.

The poll is to replace Councillor Tom Ansell, who recently died.

## Going bananas

PUPILS at a Walsall school have been going bananas on projects to promote the eating of five portions of fruit and vegetables a day. Year 6 pupils at Croft Academy have been working on promoting bananas with suppliers Fyffes, including recipes and making adverts.

## Like father, like son as lollipop men cross paths

WHEN Darren Wardle decided to track down the father who had given him up for adoption as a baby, little did he know how much they would end up having in common - even sharing the same job as lollipop men.

It was an occupation that 47-year-old Darren knew ran in the family as his wife, mother-in-law and adoptive mother were all lollipop ladies.

And during an emotional reunion with his father Paul Ferris it emerged they both worked as lollipop men in Staffordshire. Based just 15 miles apart - their paths had never crossed.

Darren, of St John's Road, Cannock, said: "I couldn't believe it when he told me and at first I thought he must be joking. I told him that's what I did for a living."

"He'd actually just got the job when I met him after applying to Staffordshire County Council for the role. It already ran in the family for me."

## Contacted

Father-of-five Darren, aged 47, who was given up for adoption at the age of three weeks managed to track Paul down about three years ago.

He continued: "I was told from a young age that I was adopted. My parents were great. I decided to look into tracking down my real parents when I was 18."

"I had Paul's details for about 25 years before I actually contacted him."

Darren decided to finally act when his adoptive father Peter died of cancer in 2009 at the age of 69, adding: "I thought it was time to put a face to the name."

"I don't think our paths would ever have crossed at work because I fill in when people are off sick."

Darren grew up in Wednesbury and moved to Cheslyn Hay with his parents as a teenager.

When he attended Park Hill Primary School, in Wednesbury, his mum Barbara

by Mark Mudie

Wardle, now aged 70, was the lollipop lady there for three years.

Around four years ago Darren became a school crossing patrol supervisor providing cover for staff who may be on sick leave. His wife Mary, aged 43, landed the same role 12 months before him.

She works at Bridgtown Primary School alongside her mum Rita Cotterell, aged 62, who has been doing the same job for 30 years.

Paul, 63, originally from Edgbaston, now lives in Tamworth with his wife Pat and has been helping children cross the roads for just over two years at William MacGregor Primary in Glascote Road.

Paul said: "I was obviously delighted to meet up with Darren, and we found it particularly amusing that we were both lollipop men."

Paul and Pat have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Paul and Darren attended a special event at Staffordshire County Showground earlier this month to celebrate the 60th anniversary of lollipop men and women patrolling the county.

County councillor Simon Tagg, who has responsibility for road safety, said: "It makes you wonder whether being a lollipop man might be in the blood."

"Paul and Darren are the guardians of our roads and like our other 321 patrol officers do a fantastic job in keeping our schoolchildren and parents safe."



Lollipop men Paul Ferris, aged 64, and his son Darren Wardle, aged 47 of Cannock



Paul Ferris, aged 64, and his 47-year-old son Darren Wardle catch up over a cuppa

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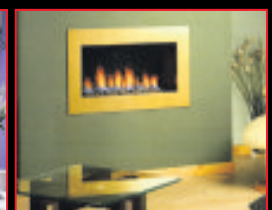
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## Jail after terrifying ordeal for girlfriend

A THUG who beat his girlfriend and threatened to throw the terrified woman from a tenth floor balcony has been jailed for five years.

Hannah Alton went home with Mark Jones whom she had known for three months. But the 35-year-old hit her across the face several times after getting drunk, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The attacker grabbed her round the throat before putting a carving knife to her neck and threatening to kill her, prosecutor Mr Jasvir Mann said.

### Dragged

Jones then dragged his victim towards the balcony of his 10th-floor flat saying he was going to throw her over. She managed to break free and locked herself in the bathroom until he fell into a drunken stupor. She then texted a friend to take her away.

Mr Mark Nicholls, defending, said: "Jones is quite a nice person but turns into a very different character when in drink."

Jones, of Stoney Lane, Bloxwich, who had a string of previous convictions for violence, including a three-year jail sentence for assaulting and threatening to kill another person in 2006, admitted assault and making threats to kill.

He was sent to prison by Judge Martin Walsh who told him: "You became abusive and hostile, hitting her across the face several times, placed your hand round her neck, then put a carving knife against her neck saying you were going to kill her. You were 10 floors up and she had a genuine fear of being thrown off the balcony. The whole incident lasted over several hours and although she did not sustain serious injury she was terrified."

## Charity chosen

A WALSALL supermarket has chosen its charity for the next 12 months.

Sainsbury's Walsall on Reedswood Way is teaming up with Guide Dogs, following in-store and online nominations from customers.

Guide Dogs was delighted to hear when PR Ambassador for Sainsbury's Walsall, Sam McIntegart, contacted them with the news. Sarah Knox, Community Fundraiser for Guide Dogs, said: "The staff are so enthusiastic about our cause. I think meeting Guide Dog Kinsey with owner Paul had something to do with this."

# Man says he was asking prostitute for advice on tomatoes

A KERB crawler was caught by police with a prostitute in his car in Walsall – and told them he had offered her a lift because she was directing him to a shop to buy tomatoes.

Prison security guard Muhammad Ikhlaiq picked up the known sex worker on Wednesday Road, in Walsall's red light district on May 7, a court heard.

The 39-year-old, of New Road, Dudley, who is married with four children, was driving along Wallows Lane with the woman

in the passenger seat of his black Nissan Micra when officers stopped and arrested him.

### Directions

He told them he had needed to buy tomatoes to bring to a colleague at work the next day. He claimed he asked the woman for directions to the nearest grocery shop and she offered to show him the way.

Two plain-clothed police officers followed

the pair in an unmarked car. They had been working on Operation Scarlet & Minus, a crackdown on kerb crawlers in the town's worst-affected areas.

The officers stopped Ikhlaiq at traffic lights on Wallows Lane and arrested him on the spot, before taking him to Bloxwich Police Station for questioning.

Ikhlaiq denied an offence of soliciting for the purpose of obtaining sexual services in a public place.

"I asked her because I thought she looked local and I was in a hurry. She said she was going that way," he said.

Magistrates said Ikhlaiq's story was 'not credible' and ordered him to pay a £400 fine, £625 costs and a £40 victim surcharge. After the hearing, PC Stacey Paterson said: "I've heard some excuses before but in the 10 years that I have been a police officer I have never heard a kerb crawler covering up his crimes by claiming to be buying tomatoes."

# A&E in line for £1m boost before winter

**MORE than £1 million is to be ploughed into recruiting extra staff and improving Walsall Manor Hospital's accident and emergency department this winter.**

Health chiefs are looking to ease the pressure on the department which has seen thousands of extra emergency admissions in the last year.

Up to £700,000 has been earmarked for a refurbishment of the A&E with additional cubicles, a psychiatric room and an improved nurse station.

As part of its winter plan, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust is also looking to invest £350,000 to take on 13 new nurses.

### Approval

The trust said it was a 'short-term solution' to support staff and patients and it was hoped it would be in place by the end of the year. A meeting of the board was last week told this is subject to formal approval by health chiefs next month.

Chief executive Richard Kirby said: "We are clear that we really need to do something short-term to help our team."

"The rate at which the work is increasing means we need to give the staff the very best environment."

Jayne Tunstall, chief operating officer, said it would create additional

by Craig Hughes

capacity. Her report to the board said: "A short-term solution for refurbishment and expansion of the A&E has been agreed with the clinical team."

"This option is now to go through approval at executive and is anticipated an approval by August 19 with completion around mid-December."

"The capital investment is anticipated to be around £700,000."

The expansion proposal will not conflict with the longer term £6m plans to transform the A&E by 2016.

Figures released in spring showed emergency admissions at Walsall Manor rose by almost 3,000 in 10 months, compared with the previous year.

The health trust recently revealed it had also put forward a multi-million pound bid to run services at Cannock Chase Hospital.

The trust would provide the likes of day case surgery, elective orthopaedics, outpatients and diagnostics.

## An 'outstanding' year for nursery



Good work – Andrina Flinders, deputy headteacher of Fullbrook Nursery, celebrates a top year with youngsters

CELEBRATIONS were held at a nursery school in Walsall to mark a successful year.

Staff, parents, pupils and school governors all joined in a celebratory summer-themed party at Fullbrook Nursery School.

Based in West Bromwich Road, it was awarded outstanding grades across the board during a recent Ofsted inspection.

Inspectors said the school provided 'excellent opportunities for learning' and staff were 'expertly led and

managed by the senior leadership team'.

The report said: "Behaviour is outstanding and children have excellent attitudes to learning. Parents are very supportive of the school and value the excellent range of workshops on offer which enable them to be true partners in learning."

The nursery school was awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the fourth time last month, recognising continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy.

In April, it received a grant of £9,950 to help towards the cost of a new outdoor play area. Community artist Karl Lewis even crafted a new climbing frame from oak.

Parents and children had raised part of the funds through a sponsored treasure hunt.

Headteacher Wendy Smith said: "I am very proud to be the headteacher of such an amazing school. The staff and governors work hard to make the school a wonderful place where young children develop and achieve."

## NEWS

### in brief

### Cheaper homes are in the pipeline

REVISED plans to build hundreds of homes in Walsall will be lodged with the council this winter and will include more affordable housing.

Walsall Housing Group scrapped initial multi-million pound plans for around 700 new properties in the Goscote area following more than 800 objections to some homes being earmarked for green belt land, known as The Lea.

But bosses from the housing association have stressed that the new proposals for the Goscote estate involve retaining The Lea as open space.

Mark Tranter, head of the development team, said residents would be consulted before the planning application was submitted this winter. He added: "Some homes will be for open market sale and others for affordable rent."

### Concerned pupils call for more bins

CHILDREN at a Walsall primary school have called for more CCTV and bins in Pelsall after being encouraged to become young street champions.

Pupils from Pelsall Village School are part of a street champion pilot programme being rolled out across the borough to encourage young people to get involved in their local community.

Street champions report matters such as fly-tipping, graffiti, anti-social behaviour and crime to the council, police and other agencies.

### Flowers tribute to the dear departed

A STARFLOWER garden to remember loved ones has been created at a hospice in Walsall by staff from Midlands Counties Co-operative Travel.

It is at St Giles Walsall Hospice, in Goscote Lane, for the charity's Celebrate Lives Lived campaign.

The campaign gives everyone the chance to pay tribute to friends and relatives who have died. Visit the website [www.stgileshospice.com/c](http://www.stgileshospice.com/c) to celebrate for more information.

### Hospice shop plea for school clothes

SCHOOL uniforms are sought by Acorns Children's Hospice charity shops. Shops in Walsall Great Barr and Wolverhampton. Call 0845 120 6892 see [www.acorns.org.uk](http://www.acorns.org.uk)

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YOU get a lot of strange invitations in this job, but even so, this one came as a bit of surprise.

Dutch television company Dusk has invited me to its first ever Porna Awards, a special ceremony celebrating the very best in female-orientated porn.

What do you mean, you were going anyway?

The evening, which forms part of the Sensual Summer Event, promises a 'full programme'—you don't say—and the winner will be presented with the Porna 2013 award. Which will no doubt look lovely on the sideboard.

You will forgive me if I don't divulge the names of all the films in the running, but Cabaret Desire by Erika Lust is among the contenders.

There will also be an opportunity to interview British director Anna Arrowsmith, otherwise known as Anna Span, who is not only a talented producer of erotic films which 'usually deal with role playing and female fantasies', but was also a Liberal Democrat candidate for Gravesham, Kent, at the 2010 General Election.

I don't know what she makes of coalition government, but wouldn't you just love to see her in charge of party political broadcasts?

WAS woken up this morning by the window cleaner swearing and screaming before kicking over his bucket. "Sorry mate," he said. "I lost my rag."

SIR Bruce Keogh, who is shortly to publish a report on how the NHS can meet the needs of the 21st century, has said it needs to adopt the 'more for less' mentality of businesses such as PC World or Dixons.

I don't know about you, but I'm not sure that young, spiky-haired GPs in brightly-coloured shirts talking in unintelligible jargon really represents much in the way of progress.

What is evident though is that the expenditure of vast sums of money does not always make for a better service.

Fifteen years ago, I could make an appointment to see my friendly local GP in his small, slightly shabby, little surgery, the next day, no problem.

Now after millions of pounds of 'investment', the poky surgery has made way for an all-singing, all-dancing mini clinic, with electric doors and everything, where it now takes around a week to see whichever doctor happens to have a slot going.

Last time I tried, I was advised it would be quicker to drive across town to the 'walk-in' centre. On arrival, there was a sign warning of a four-hour wait. Oh, and the walk-in centre was due to close in half an hour, anyway.

Walk-in centre? I walked straight out.



Councillor Phil Page, Steve Lloyd, Beverley and school head Mark Capel



One of her earlier awards – Beverley holding a netball trophy

# Schoolgirl put heart and soul into singing

Growing up as a pupil in Wolverhampton put Beverley Knight on the path to success as she explains to reporter ALEX HOMER

**WHO would have known this studious, fresh-faced schoolgirl from Wolverhampton would go on to become a global singing sensation?**

Beverley Knight has opened her childhood photo album offering a glimpse into her life as a schoolgirl growing up in the city.

Images show a young Beverley, who is originally from Penn Fields, as she poses for her junior school picture, lining up alongside her classmates and as part of the school netball team.

The 40-year-old singer delved into the past as she visited pupils at her former schools, Woodfield Infant, Woodfield Junior and Highfield School, all in Penn.

## Delighted

Beverley visited the Woodfield schools to wish pupils there luck before their centenary year begins in September.

She also returned to her Highfields roots to officially open its brand new £44 million facilities, a complete rebuild under the Government's £270m Building Schools for the Future programme.

And she introduced herself to delighted youngsters in the classrooms at her old stomping grounds.

Pupils took their chance to quiz the Shoulda Woulda Coulda singer, who answered honestly and told the youngsters how she started out singing in class assemblies at Woodfield.

Her favourite assembly, she told



Beverley in junior school picture

them, was singing about the weather, ending with a version of Electric Light Orchestra's Mr Blue Sky.

She also remembered a songbook used throughout her time at junior school including The Beatles' When I'm Sixty-Four and Streets of London by Ralph McTell.

The star also let the children in on her most embarrassing on-stage moment – when she stood on the bottom of a baggy pair of trousers during a performance of Joseph and



Singer with fellow Year 9 pupils

the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat as a Highfields pupil and fell over.

The singer has come a long way since those days. In September, this year she will be taking on the lead role in The Bodyguard at the Adelphi Theatre in London's West End. She will take on the role made famous by Whitney Houston.

But ask the songstress who her singing heroes are and the answer lies a lot closer to home.

Her mother Deloris – with whom she

sang in the choir at the chapel in Temple Street, now called All Nations Christian Centre – is one of them.

The other is her dad Eddie, a builder who used to belt out tunes as he went about earning his daily bread.

"I've got my mum to thank for the melodies and my dad to thank for the power," she said.

She also thanks her teachers at all her old schools for the guidance and support they offered to her as a fledgling singer. Beverley's first singing jobs were doing radio jingles before being offered a recording contract with a London studio.

She said it was refreshing to meet students at her former schools and be asked about things such as the launch of her career – something which she rarely speaks about now.

"It's just been the most edifying experience. It's interesting because their questions tell you how the children's minds are working," she said.

"I thought asking me what was my most embarrassing moment was amazing. It's so lovely they are interested."

## Respond

She went on to offer the school the opportunity to borrow some pictures of her when she was at school – in her own words 'wearing national health service big blue glasses, with two front teeth missing and pigtails – it was not a cool look'.

The idea was to send the message to the pupils that they too could 'follow their dreams' because Beverley was once a normal schoolgirl too.

Woodfield Junior's deputy headteacher Heidi Perrett said: "It was so nice seeing the children respond to her and seeing in their faces that recognition when she was speaking, that that could be them one day."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

NEWBORN babies, their mothers and mums-to-be were evacuated when fire broke out in the maternity unit at Walsall's Manor Hospital. Nurses led 10 women, some carrying their babies, to safety as firemen tackled the blaze.

KANDOLA Singh proudly drove his brand new £28,000 Mercedes Benz out of a Wolverhampton showroom – but within three hours it was back in the garage after being involved in a smash. Mr Singh, who worked at the Goodyear tyre factory, was unhurt in the accident.

TOP boppers from Penkridge put their village on the entertainment map with a string of disco victories. Team Genesis scooped the World Disco Stars championship having already scooped the All-England, Western Europe and Great Britain titles.

### 1993...

FORTY students from Eastern Europe were left stranded after a conman duped them into paying for non-existent work at a farm near Wolverhampton. The Slovakian students turned up to work at Manor Farm in Coven, but were sent away as there were no jobs available.

THE villages of Kings Bromley and Newborough came out on top in Staffordshire's annual best kept village competition. But there was no joy for host village Kinver, who came second to Codsall in the South Staffordshire contest.

PLANNERS in Wolverhampton were considering bringing in special 'anti-bomb' litter bins in the wake of the IRA bombing of Warrington. Council officials looked at bringing in plastic bins after traditional metal ones were removed from all Midlands shopping centres following the blast.

### 2003...

FORMER Wolves owner-chairman Sir Jack Hayward was honoured after his name was added to a Civic Centre ceremonial board. Sir Jack was named the city's 21st Freeman at a special council meeting.

PEOPLE were evacuated from the Horseley Fields area of Wolverhampton after two Second World War artillery shells were discovered. Army experts attended the site and took the shells away for examination.

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Molineux Hotel was saved by a £1.5 million link-up between the city council and regional development agency. The building had stood derelict for almost 25 years before its purchase and planned refurbishment.

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## LETTERS

# Housing crisis grows as more are forced into private rent market

**HAVING a roof over your head is essential for everyone.**

Building more houses, and they must be available as social lets, as well as for sale, is basic to solving the housing crisis.

Many young people fear that their chances of ever being able to get a mortgage are increasing, forcing more and more into private renting.

Landlords are happy to have high mortgages for first time buyers. It ensures the homes for rent market remains in demand.

Rented properties are often 'turbo charged' with a typical three bedroom property let out as five one-bedroom lets.

Worse still, people are charged £500 administration fees, £50 reference check fees, and holding fees. All this on top of at least a months rent in advance and a deposit.

As social landlords across Walsall tackle the huge increases in rent arrears brought on by the 'Bedroom Tax', and welfare rights workers and discretionary payment systems

become overburdened, we are reaching a crisis point in our need for affordable housing.

With up to 32 per cent of ex-council houses ending up with private landlords, there is an urgent need for Government, councils, social landlords and private landlords to tackle the inconsistent and exploitative practices in our local housing market.

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## The pension fund flow of 'dirty' money

DIRTY fossil fuels, from open coal mines in Colombia to oil drilling in Nigeria, are polluting land and water and driving climate change using our money.

Most people in the UK entrust big banks and pension funds with their hard-earned money but we have little say over how they invest it. Billions of pounds of ordinary people's money is going into fossil fuels at the very time when we need to wean the world off coal, oil and gas in order to prevent catastrophic climate change.

I'm taking part in a campaign by the World Development Movement, calling on the Government to make banks and pension funds own up to the carbon emissions from the dirty energy projects they finance. Fossil fuels destroy people's lives and jeopardise our future, and we need to stop throwing money at them.

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## They are evil killers and not celebrities

I SEE that Ian Brady is trying to make a mark for himself via the media again, just like his evil counterpart Myra Hindley did for many a year. As ever the media gives him that oxygen of publicity which he requires to thrive.

I don't watch, read or listen to anything to do with the Moors Murderers and their so-called various causes for 'justice' anymore. The more the media ignore these kind of people the better. They are not celebrities but brutal evil killers, who in my mind should have been hanged.

Perhaps the national media should do as the local media do regarding the Walsall-born 1960s Cannock Chase child killer Raymond Morris – just ignore him and mention his name as little as possible. Although I understand why Morris's name was mentioned in last week's Chronicle, one word about this killer in the media is a word too many.

I feel the death penalty is the only option for evil killers like Brady and Morris and, if that had happened, then I doubt their names would have hardly been mentioned again in any media outlet. May they both rot in hell.

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## Disgusted by tourists at bullrun

I WRITE after reading about the Pamplona bull-running festival and seeing the distressing pictures.

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This is clearly the spectators' idea of fun.

Spain has a bad reputation as far as animal welfare is concerned.

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## NEWS

# Val retires after 34 years at solicitors



Val Naughton, aged 64, of Pelsall, has retired from Gillespies Solicitors in Walsall after 34 years

A GRANDMOTHER-OF-FOUR has retired from her role as legal secretary for a solicitors firm in Walsall after more than three decades.

Val Naughton, 64, of Pelsall, retired this month following 34 years at Gillespies Solicitors, in Darvall Street. The former Walsall Wood Secondary Modern School pupil was given a bouquet of flowers and silver necklace by staff at the legal firm as a farewell gift.

Mrs Naughton, of St Johns Road, said: "I've really enjoyed my time there. I've seen a lot of changes in the law. It's also gone from shorthand typing to audio typing and technology has changed. I've worked with some wonderful people. I wouldn't have wanted to have worked anywhere else. I've had a fantastic time."

"I'm very sad to go but it will mean I get to spend more time with my family."

David Longmore, partner at Gillespies, said Mrs Naughton would be missed and had offered many years of outstanding service.

# Call for action after rubbish blaze at site

**CALLS** have been made for security to be stepped up at the site of a former social club in Walsall which has been plagued with fly-tipping problems, after dumped tyres and other debris was set ablaze.

Blakenall Councillor Pete Smith said the derelict site of the former Hatherton Liberal Club, North Street, is "dangerous". He has called on planning enforcement officers to put pressure on the owners to take action.

It is thought that the landowners are planning to redevelop the site for residential use but no plans have yet been lodged with the council.

Councillor Smith said: "The site is in close proximity to industrial, residential and recreational lands and a fire here could be damaging to nearby premises and people."

"Dumped tyres and other debris were set ablaze and had to be dealt with by the fire service."

"This cost and threat to the local properties in the area may have been avoided if the owners had taken action."

"This situation is just not good enough and I, as well as local residents, expect much more determined action by the council to ensure that this eyesore is again boarded up, that the owners take responsibility to clear any future fly-tipped rubbish until such time that a further planning application can be considered."

The fire service was forced to break some panelling down to get to the fire.

The former club which stood on the site was pulled down in 2003 after the building was set alight. The club is believed to have closed shortly before then.

"It's been a fly-tipper's paradise," added Councillor Smith.

Walsall Council regeneration chief Adrian Andrew said: "We want an urgent meeting with the site's owner to remove the fly-tipped rubbish at Hatherton Liberal Club and secure the site."

**Talks on rail bridge plan**

COUNCIL bosses are liaising with train chiefs over plans to rebuild a rail bridge in Bloxwich.

Broad Lane is expected to be closed for three months this winter as part of moves to raise the bridge for the £30 million electrification of the line.

The route is used by motorists travelling between Bloxwich and Essington and traffic coming off the M6.

Matt Crowton, council transportation strategy and policy manager, said: "The council is liaising with Network Rail regarding the design of the bridge; traffic management; and resident and stakeholder engagement."



## NEWS

# Battling Joel joins best pal for fundraising trek



Helena Marsh and son Joel, aged 10, who has cerebral palsy and is to do a sponsored walk on Cannock Chase

**A BOY who battled back from meningitis as a baby and now suffers from cerebral palsy is doing a 12-mile sponsored walk for charity.**

Joel Marsh struggles to walk and has had surgery to stretch his muscles to enable him to put his heel on the floor. The 10-year-old has regularly been in a cast but is now planning a 12-and-a-half-mile walk around Cannock

Chase in aid of Cerebral Palsy Mid Staffordshire. The Chase View Primary pupil will be joined by best friend Reece Lerner in doing the Abraham's Valley on August 31.

## Recover

The aim is to raise £1,000. Joel, who has three younger sisters, was given a slim chance of survival after being diagnosed with meningitis aged 15 weeks but was able to recover at Walsall Manor. The Rugeley youngster,

formerly of Bloxwich, was then told at 13 months he had cerebral palsy. If not in a cast he has to use a splint.

Mother Helena, aged 30, said: "He has to work up to it as he does struggle to walk with his legs the way they are. He is a very determined young man."

To sponsor the walkers, go to Facebook page Joel and Reece sponsored walk. There is also a paypal account and people can email jmarsh03@hotmail.co.uk.

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## NEWS

# Fancy dress fundraiser helps Evie's op hopes



Chloe Matthews, Zoe Hayfield, Jodie Turner, Stacey Rotchell, Laura Harrell, Megan Brookes, Elisha Garner, Laura Bird and Lucy Williams dress up at South Staffordshire College, Cannock, to raise money for Evie's Butterfly Fund

**STUDENTS are getting behind a campaign to help a sick youngster receive life-changing treatment.**

Youngsters at South Staffordshire College held a fundraising event at the Cannock campus for six-year-old Heath Hayes Primary School Evie Poole who has cerebral palsy and cannot walk unaided.

To adding a splash of colour, the students dressed up as characters from a children's story. Evie's parents Jayne

and Jonathan Poole, applied for her to undergo corrective surgery but bosses at South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust turned them down.

### Facebook

The pair, who both work in the health service, are now trying to raise the money needed for the procedure.

They have launched a £50,000 campaign, called Evie's Butterfly Fund, to send her to America for the operation.

Mrs Poole, aged 40, of Brownhills, wrote about their daughter's condition

on Facebook and ever since friends and family have offered their support.

A South Staffordshire College student, who went to Evie's school on a work placement, was moved by her story and invited her fellow childcare students to get on board with some fundraising.

They held a fun event at Crown House at the Cannock campus. Among the stalls were guess the name of the teddy and the sweets in a jar, a cake sale, a raffle and a competition to dress up as a children's book character.

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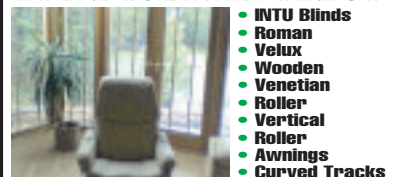
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## NEWS

## Village hair salon a real family affair



From left, Sharon Trow, aged 47, and her daughters Charlotte Mullins, 17 and Hannah Mahon 26 at the new salon

A NEW hair and beauty salon has been launched in Great Wyrley – and it is a real family affair.

Sharon Trow has invested £9,000 in the Mia Sorella business which will be managed by her daughters Hannah Mahon, aged 26 and Charlotte Mullins, 17, who were both out of work.

They secured empty premises in Walsall Road and spent two weeks fitting the shop out ahead of the launch at the weekend. It offers beauty, hair and sunbeds.

Cannock child actor Ben Wilby, aged 11, who starred in the Nativity! film, was invited to help with the launch and spent some time at the shop on Saturday.

It has been named Mia Sorella after 'my sister' in Italian. The family hopes to expand in the future by taking on juniors and apprentices.

Both daughters attended Great Wyrley High School with Charlotte going on to do a hairdressing course at Cannock College. Hannah is a trained beautician and the business is to run seven days a week.

Director Ms Trow, aged 47, said: "I thought I would get a little business for them to run. It is exciting times. I have every confidence the girls will make it work."

## Postmen at sharp end of dog attacks

DOZENS of postal workers have been attacked by dogs while on their rounds this year, according to new figures released by Royal Mail.

From April last year to this, a total of 11 posties were attacked in Dudley, nine in Walsall, four in Wolverhampton and two in Cannock.

Father-of-three Ian Massey, aged 45, of Etching Hill, Rugeley, has worked as a weekend postman in Stafford since March. But weeks after starting, he was bitten and required a tetanus jab.

### Nibble

"The attack happened back in April," he said.

"I was doing a normal round and I was coming to the end of the street to do the last few houses when a little dog ran out.

"I turned around and as I looked down I tried to put the post down so he could nibble on that rather than me, but it was too late. He bit my leg, pierced my trousers and drew blood.

"A lady came out of the house and said 'I'm ever so sorry, it's never done that before'.

"It was only a small dog, but I'm wary of it happening now. It doesn't matter how

by Kirsten Rawlins

big the dog is. Whenever I push post through letterboxes, I constantly get dogs jumping up and nearly getting my fingers.

"People just need to use a little common sense. Most dogs are fine and they're normally just protecting their home."

Royal Mail is now appealing to householders to keep their animals under control as part of Dog Awareness Week.

Communication Workers Union safety officer Dave Joyce said: "Royal Mail staff are really at the sharp end of dog attacks, with thousands suffering injuries each year which range from minor scratches to lost fingers, severe scarring and psychological issues," he said.

"Simply keeping your dog out of reach of the letterbox or front door is a great way."

## Friends group stages Roman site open day

AN open day at the Roman site of Wall takes this next weekend. The Friends of Letocetum, together with The National Trust and English Heritage, are staging the popular annual event from 11am-4pm on Sunday, August 4.

The Roman settlement is just over a mile from where the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered. Entry is free and volunteer guides will help visitors learn more about the site.

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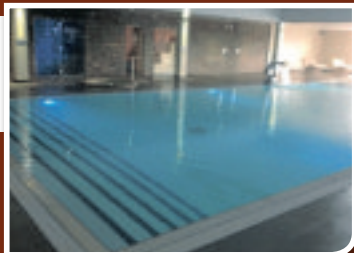
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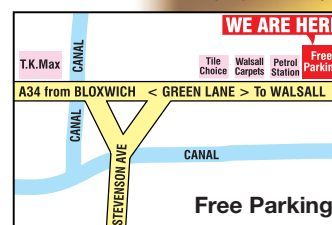


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## COMMERCIAL FEATURE

# Royal approval for Studio School and its Sixth Form

**THE RECENT Royal opening of Walsall Studio School and Sixth Form by His Royal Highness The Duke of York has signalled the countdown to September 2013 when the new home for education and training in Walsall town centre will open its doors to new students.**

Located in the new Goldmine centre, Walsall Studio School & Sixth Form offers a new approach to education

for young people who achieve their very best through practical hands-on learning.

The StudioSixth Form is designed for 16, 17 and 18-year-olds to achieve industry-recognised qualifications, build relationships with employers and get into employment or university.

Post-16 students study half the week in education and half the week in work placement where they put their skills to the test in real-life working scenarios with employers.

Most sixth form students sign up for a two-year programme, however, fast-track one-year programmes are also available.

Specialising in Business Social Enterprise and a broad range of creative and digital disciplines Walsall Studio School and Sixth Form, will be the 'perfect fit' for 16 to 19-year olds who are looking to develop their skills for employment in the 21st century.

There are a limited number of sixth form places available for students to study BTEC qualifications and A levels in areas including: Business, IT Digital, Music & Music Technology, Performing Arts, Broadcast Media and Live Events and more.

Students are also able to re-sit GCSE English and Maths if they need to, while progressing onto advanced level courses in other areas.

The Walsall Studio will provide a professional environment where enthusiasm for business, creativity and collaborative cross-curricular teamwork drive new learning and career opportunities for young people.

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Studio Sixth students will benefit from expert industry coaches as well as outstanding teachers bringing together enterprise and education to provide them with a competitive edge when applying for employment or places at university.

Walsall Studio School and Sixth Form will no doubt be a popular choice for young people who want to secure future employment as well as people who want to progress onto university.

Whether you are waiting for your GCSE results, or thinking of exploring a different approach to education than your existing sixth form or college, you should contact Walsall Studio School and Sixth Form to find out more.

The studio school website is [www.walsallstudioschool.co.uk](http://www.walsallstudioschool.co.uk) or you can call them on 01922 621951.



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# Generosity for Tommy trust fund

**A GRANDMOTHER-of-eight has raised more than £600 to help a Walsall boy who has survived meningitis.**

Mary Lunnion of Station Road, opened up her garden to members of the public to collect money for Tommy Brown's trust fund.

The youngster, now aged 20 months, was struck down with meningitis when he was five months old.

Doctors said he had a five per cent chance of survival after he contracted meningococcal septicaemia, but he beat the odds, despite having to have both his lower legs amputated as well as his right hand and some of the fingers on his left.

## Support

Mrs Lunnion, said: "I am still counting but we will have raised just over £600 which is a fantastic amount. I never expected to get anywhere near that much."

"I decided I wanted to raise some money to go towards Tommy's fund because he will need a lot of help and support in the future."

"My grandson's wife is his auntie and I met him at a family party. He is a lovely little boy and his smile just lights up the room so I knew I had to do something to help him."

At the event there were a number of stalls selling bric-a-brac, books, plants and



Tommy and mother Julie

home-made cream teas. There was also a guess the name of the teddy competition which was won by Pauline Metcalfe.

Mrs Lunnion added: "It was a very successful event. I can't believe how generous the people of Hednesford really are."

"I would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses and people that contributed and helped me to put on this event."

"It was lovely to see so many children and their families come along and the weather was gorgeous which also helped."

# Walk back in time

WALSALL historians are taking local residents back in time with a series of guided local history walks this summer.

The next walk takes place on Tuesday, August 6, and includes a stroll around the town centre of Darlaston.

It will be led by local history expert Terry Smitheman, of Darlaston Local History Society.

Starting from Darlaston Library, in King Street, at 7pm, the walk will last around 90 minutes. It costs £1.

A walk around Bloxwich will take place on August 9 and a walk around Aldridge is scheduled for September 12.



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## NEWS

# More time to discuss crematorium scheme

THE public has been given more time to have its say on plans for a new crematorium in Essington.

South Staffordshire District Council has described its plans to dispose of land to be turned into a crematorium as a key decision, so further talks will be held at the authority's overview and scrutiny committee on September 17. It means consultation, due to finish last week, has been extended. People have until August 15 to submit views.

But Walsall North MP David Winnick has already voiced his opposition. He said: "Strenuous opposition is already being expressed by residents, who see no reason to have such a development. I would have no hesitation in taking the matter to the minister. This development must not go ahead."

The decision concerns land off Broad Lane, jointly owned by South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council. The land could be leased to the Westerleigh Group with a view to building a crematorium. This would aim to reduce waiting times for crematoria services. A formal planning application would still need to be submitted.

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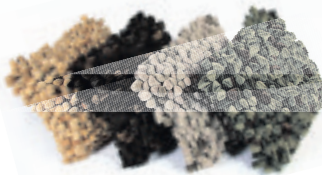
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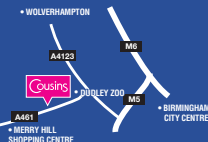
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## FOCUS ON WILLENHALL

### Flood halts construction on park and ride scheme

COUNCILLORS in Willenhall are calling for action on the towns roads after streets flooded during the recent stormy weather.

Heavy rain caused flooding in the streets surrounding The Square shopping precinct in Lichfield Road, New Invention causing chaos for drivers and workmen who are currently constructing the new Park and Ride facility.

Work was also halted on the enlargement of a lay-by. Councillors Ian Shires and Val Woodruff have called on Walsall Council to complete a major survey of the drainage system in the area.

"Time after time the answer comes back, it's a slow drainer, and out comes the jetter and things seem ok till the next downpour" said Councillor Shires

In response to the calls, council officials have agreed to send cameras down the drains.

### Fuchsia show open to public

THE BLACK Country Fuchsia Society holds its annual show in Willenhall on Saturday.

The event will be open to the public from 12.30 to 5pm at Pool Hayes Community School, in Castle Drive.

For further information about the annual show and the society's regular meetings in the area, see the www.blackcountryfuchsia.org.uk website.

# Supermarket invests in skills academy for its apprentices

**A NEW crafts academy for butchers, bakers and fishmongers has been launched at a Willenhall supermarket as part of a £500,000 investment.**

Morrisons has created a skills academy for people to hone their skills at its supermarket in Middle Piece Way.

As part of the transformation, Morrisons has revamped the interior of the store, installing a dough table at the front of the bakery so customers can see bakers making bread as well as a new butcher's counter so customers can see processes like sausage

### Misting

The new-look store also boasts the latest in misting technology to keep fruit and vegetables fresher for longer, a new flower shop, pizza counter and a wider choice of fruit and vegetables including some more unusual lines like kohlrabi, white beetroot and purple potatoes.

The introduction of the craft skills academy has also seen 40 staff trained in food and wine matching so they can recommend good combinations to customers.

The store's craft skills specialists have increased the number of products they make from scratch and the

by Lisa O'Brien

butchers and bakers counters have been opened up so shoppers can see the specialists at work.

Pete Farrant recently completed the store's 12-month apprenticeship to become a qualified butcher

The £30 million supermarket, in Wood Street, Willenhall, was hailed as a huge boost to the regeneration drive for the town.

The store had been several years in the pipeline and sits on the site of the former Yale lock works that employed thousands in its heyday.

It was pulled down to make way for the 78,671 sq ft supermarket including a petrol station and a 541-space car park.

Under current regeneration plans some historic buildings in Willenhall town centre are being repaired and restored as part of a long-awaited £1 million project.



Ice cream seller Alfonso Urso from Lincoln Avenue with the 1973 van he has restored

### Alfonso's fab van of nostalgia

AN ICE cream seller from Willenhall has been whipping up trade in the hot weather with his newly-renovated classic van.

Alfonso Urso spent six months and around £5,000 restoring his 1973 Bedford CF back to its former glory, having bought it on eBay for just £3,500.

He says the classic van is a real head-turner as it chimes the traditional Greensleeves tune while doing the rounds in Walsall.

"The reaction of the public is amazing," said the 41-year-old father-of-three. "I get people taking photographs. I think it takes some of the parents back to their childhoods."

"I absolutely love it. I've also got a brand new Mercedes van but I prefer to drive this one now."

With help from his 17-year-old son Carmelo, who drives one of business' other three vans, the ice cream aficionado of Lincoln Avenue overhauled the vehicle, inside and out, stripping out the interior and installing new machines.

### Engineering firm boss is new Rotary president

THE director of a foundry in Willenhall has been selected as the town's new Rotary President and has already begun his civic duties with a children's charity walk.

Brian Griffiths recently received his ceremonial chain for the 78-year-old Rotary Club of Willenhall after being elected by his fellow members.

The father-of-three, who works as commercial director for FTL Engineering, has been a member of the club for 13 years and has regularly been involved in fundraising activities.

At his induction he said, "It is a great honour to have been elected President of my local Rotary Club and I am looking forward to leading the club through a number of activities designed to assist local and national charities as well as individuals and organisations who seek our help and support."

### Store in bid to extend hours

WILLENHALL-BASED discount giant Hooty's wants to extend its opening hours by more than 16 hours per week.

The business based in Longacres Industrial Estate, Rose Hill, wants to bring its opening hours in line with competitors. Under the plans, the store would be open from 8am to 9pm on weekdays, 8am to 7pm on Saturdays and 11am to 5pm on Sundays.

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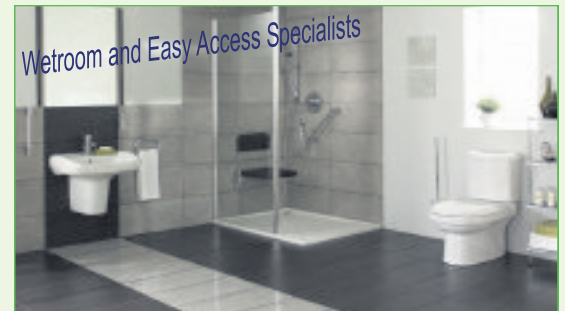


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## NEWS

## Pupils knit teddies to help in emergencies



Kurt Jones, area support officer at West Midlands Ambulance Service, with children from Short Heath Junior School

CHILDREN at a school in Willenhall have been knitting teddy bears to benefit youngsters in need.

Pupils at Short Heath Junior have spent their lunch breaks for the past three years knitting the soft toys.

The trauma teddies have now been

handed over to West Midlands Ambulance Service. They will be given out by paramedics to children at accidents and other incidents to help calm them.

Gill Wild, a teacher who runs the knitting club, said: "I wanted to knit with the children and have a reason to

do it. Trauma Teddies seemed like a really good idea. They knitted themselves a teddy, and then did a second one which we handed over to the ambulance service."

Around 80 teddies were knitted by the children.

## Boost for day support services

DAY support will be expanded at a Walsall centre despite plans to close residential services.

A consultation period has been launched with carers, users and trade unions over the future of Broadway North Centre.

Walsall Council is looking to the voluntary or independent sector to provide residential respite and crisis beds for people experiencing mental ill health.

On average six beds out of a possible 10 across the unit off the main Broadway road are occupied, which the cash-

strapped authority says does not provide the best value for money.

By commissioning the beds from the private or voluntary sector, the council would save just over £101,000 a year.

Bosses have already approved a period of consultation, with a view to closing the residential services there.

However, they would look to develop the use of the Broadway North site to expand day services provided, where people are able to take up a range of educational and therapeutic activities.

Walsall social care boss Councillor Barbara McCracken said: "It is important that people who experience mental ill health are supported and I

understand that this proposed change may be unsettling.

"We need to look at more efficient, value for money ways of delivering residential services whilst ensuring that we are meeting peoples' needs."

Consultation has begun with the results due to be brought back to the decision-making cabinet in October.

Service users and carers have been asked to complete a questionnaire, either online or on paper, to explain what impact the closure might have on them.

The council suggests that a range of advice, support and recovery opportunities could be created.

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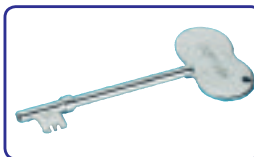
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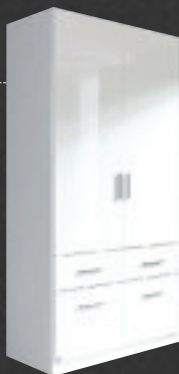
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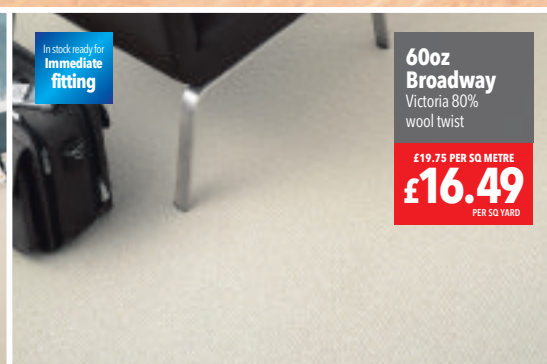
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# What's On! Walsall

## XBOX 360 GAME REVIEWS

AVAILABLE now on Xbox Live Arcade, **Capsized** (12), is a retro-style 2D sidescrolling action game that first turned up for PC just under two years ago.

The set-up is that you are a survivor from a spaceship and your escape pod has landed on a hostile planet full of weird plants and aggressive lifeforms.

For those who grew up on platform gaming – basically anyone who was gaming in the 1980s and 90s – this will be a pleasurable old school experience. **Capsized** has a cartoonish look and a relentless succession of obstacles and aliens that can either be blasted or moved/avoided by using a gravity whip. It's a budget buy and old fashioned fun.

**Dead Island Riptide** (18) started off as downloadable content for the original **Dead Island**, the zombie apocalypse on a tropical island epic.

The escape from the island fails and your character is shipwrecked back on Banoi and the holiday from hell. The only major difference is that now you're in the swamp so have to use boats to try to escape the zombie hordes.

There is not enough new for veteran zombie slayers and newbies would be better off with the original.

**Le Tour de France 2013** will not give cycling fans many pedal-pumping thrills being a rather dull affair. The game mechanics are OK but animation is not great as you make ponderous progress through a limp representation of the French countryside. **LB**

# Will.i.am on his way for a powerful performance

**TOP producer, performer and songwriter – and the coolest judge on TV's The Voice – Will.i.am is coming to Birmingham's LG Arena this winter for one of only three UK dates.**

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of top pop and R&B stars including Michael Jackson, Britney Spears, Justin Bieber and Rihanna.

His new single **Bang Bang** features on the movie soundtrack of **The Great Gatsby** and is on the deluxe version of his hit solo album **#willpower**.

Tickets for his show at the LG on December 4 are available from the ticket hotline on 0844 338 8000.

## Mitchel ready to rock Robin

A UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton student who reached the finals of TV talent show **The Voice** will perform at the Robin 2 in Bilston next month.

Mitchel Emms will be at Mount Pleasant venue on September 11 with **MisterNothing**, the 19-year-old's alternative rock project. The Burntwood teenager made it to the quarter finals of **The Voice** after being selected by Script singer Danny O'Donoghue. Since the show, he has finished his live album, entitled **All My Favourite Bands are Dead**, to be released this autumn.

"I've had some great times at **The Robin 2** and we're really looking to blow the roof of the place this time round with our new headline show," he said. Box office 01902 401211.



Brigit Forsyth, left, and Sian Phillips in Alan Bennett's play **People**, re-opening the Rep

## The Rep re-opens to People

BIRMINGHAM Repertory Theatre re-opens to the public after its two-and-a-half-year closure and major refurbishment with the popular National Theatre production of Alan Bennett's latest **People**.

Selina Cadell from the original London cast will be joined by two veteran actresses, Sian Phillips and Brigit Forsyth, both probably best known for their roles in **I Claudius** and **Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads** respectively.

The comic and poignant play tells of a culture clash as the elderly owner of a stately home comes under pressure from her archdeacon sister to turn it over to the National Trust.

It is staged at the new revamped Rep in Centenary Square from September 3 to 21. Call 0121 236 4455.

## Pupils' final bow at a school show

YEAR 6 pupils at Charles Cuddy Walker Academy in Walsall bowed out in style when they performed Terry Pratchett's fantasy **The Amazing Maurice** and his **Educated Rodents** to the rest of the school.

The performance last week was the final one by Year 6 before they leaving in readiness for secondary schools after the summer holiday.

The children had been rehearsing for two weeks, as well as creating costumes, scenery and music for the production.

Headteacher Mark Smith said: "After the recent excellent SAT results, the Year 6 production promises to be a real celebration, and a great end to our first two terms as an academy."

## Museum sleuths to solve mysteries

VISITORS to the Black Country Living Museum can put their sleuthing skills to the test over the summer holiday.

Each week of the holiday there will be a new mystery to solve and a culprit to find around the attraction, in Tipton Road, Dudley.

## Art to go on display

A HALESOWEN art group is holding its annual exhibition. Members of the Black Country Artists will display their work at Hurst Green Methodist Church on Narrow Lane, from August 12 to the 17 at 10.30am. Admission is free.

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# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 3.08.13

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### CHOICE



**A Tribute to Mel Smith BBC2, 10.10pm**  
He may not have been as regular on TV as he was back in the 1980s and 1990s, but Mel Smith remains one of the most instantly recognisable faces in British comedy. His death on July 19 shocked those who grew up watching him in the likes of Not the Nine O'Clock News, Colin's Sandwich, and Muck and Brass. But it was for his partnership with Griff Rhys Jones that Smith will probably forever be remembered. This documentary features clips from many of his most memorable projects, as well as tributes from his friends and fans.

### BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Lorraine's Past, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Swimming: World Championships. 2.30 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. 4.25 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 5.35 Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. (1989). Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. 7.30 I Love My Country. New series. Gabby Logan hosts this celebrity game show. 8.20 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete in several quiz rounds, with the winners playing for the money in the safe. 9.10 Casualty. Trainee doctor Lily uncovers a link between three apparently unconnected patients, while Dixie helps a woman knocked over by a cyclist. Honor Blackman guest stars. 10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Dermot gets cold feet in the run-up to his wedding. (R) 10.30 BBC News: Weather. National Lottery Update. 10.50 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. Featuring Patrick Kietly, Neil Delamere, Jeff Green and Kerry Godliman. (R) 11.35 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, on the opening weekend of the Football League season. 12.55 Weatherview. 1.00 BBC News.**

### BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two. 7.00 Film: The Adventures of Michael Strogoff. (1937) 8.20 Film: The Private Affairs of Bel Ami. (1947) 10.10 Reel History of Britain. (R) 10.40 The Private Life of Plants. (R) 11.30 University Challenge. (R) 12.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking. 12.45 Talking Pictures. 1.25 Film: Hotel Reserve. (1944) 2.55 Flog It! (R) 3.25 Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble. (R) 4.25 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. 6.00 Swimming: World Championships. Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona, where this evening's session features the finals of five events and heats in three others. 7.30 Proms Extra 2013. With guests Julian Joseph, Tarik O'Regan and Tamara Rojo. 8.10 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy. How Great Britain's dominance as a military and economic power in the 18th century inspired patriotic classics, and a look at the pieces Handel wrote for the royal family. 9.10 Top of the Lake. A violent incident sees Robin thrown off the case, but she carries on her investigation unofficially and uncovers mobile-phone footage suggesting Tui might still be alive. 10.10 A Tribute to Mel Smith. Griff Rhys Jones remembers his friend and former comedy partner, who died last month. 10.45 Not Again: Not the Nine O'Clock News. The inside story of the comedy sketch show. (R) 12.15 Film: The Children. (2008) 1.35 Film: Devils of Darkness. (1965) 3.00 This Is BBC Two.**

### ITV

**6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.15 Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.25 Poppy Cat. 6.40 Poppy Cat. 6.50 Animals. (R) 7.00 Animals. (R) 7.10 Bookaboo. 7.20 Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. 7.35 The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! 8.00 Gravity Falls. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Dinner Date. (R) 9.25 Saturday Cookbook. (R) 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 Saturday Farm. 12.20 ITV News: Weather. 12.25 All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) 1.25 Midsomer Murders. (R) 3.25 Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) 6.00 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.15 ITV News: Weather. 6.30 You've Been Framed! (R) 7.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 7.30 Your Face Sounds Familiar. Four of the celebrities impersonate one final line-up of pop and rock stars, competing to win £50,000 for charity. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host. Last in the series. 8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street stars Charlie Condou (Marcus) and Paula Lane (Kylie) team up with their families in an attempt to win big money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts. Last in the series. 9.45 The Americans. The FBI hunts for Amador's murderer. 10.35 ITV News: Weather. 10.50 Film: Air America. (1990) Vietnam War comedy adventure, with Mel Gibson, Robert Downey Jr, Nancy Travis and Burt Kwouk. 12.55 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.**

### CHANNEL 4

**6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British F3. 7.30 The Grid. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.35 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 Undercover Boss Canada. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.25 Channel 4 News. 6.55 Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe the holy month of Ramadan and talk about the effects of fasting. Part of the 4Ramadan season. 7.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud revisits Mimi and Andre da Costa, who set out to construct a sustainable two-storey timber house in the Kent countryside, heated by glass panels. (R) 8.00 Film: X-Men. (2000) Mutant outsiders with strange powers fight to defend mankind from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. 10.00 Film: Kick-Ass. (2010) Premiere. A teenager sets out to become a superhero, but finds real-life crime-fighting much more dangerous than in comics. Action comedy, starring Aaron Johnson and Nicolas Cage. 12.15 Rude Tube. (R) 1.15 Film: Aeon Flux. (2005) 2.50 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.05 Deal or No Deal. (R)**

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.50 Slugterra. 11.10 Meerkat Manor. (R) 11.45 Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) 1.10 Film: A Bridge Too Far. (1977) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Dirk Bogarde. 4.30 CSI: NY. (R) 5.30 Film: Jesse Stone: No Remorse. (2010) Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck. 7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the Third Test at Old Trafford, where the series passed the halfway point. 8.00 NCIS. Part two of two. The safe house is attacked, leaving Vance in hospital and Eli missing, but with all the Palestinians accounted for it is unclear who was responsible. (R) 8.55 NCIS. The agents are asked by the deputy district attorney to search for a missing Navy officer scheduled to testify in a forthcoming murder trial. (R) 9.50 5 News Weekend. 10.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour. 12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.10 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)**

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7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Die Hard with a Vengeance (1995) 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
7.00 The Comet's Tale 8.00 Oceans 9.00 Wallander: The Pyramid 10.30 Folk at the BBC  
**ITV2**  
3.00 The Xtra Factor: Boys Best & Worst Ever 4.00 You've Been Framed! 6.30 Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) 9.00 Film: Hot Fuzz (2007) 11.20 Film: Harold & Kumar Get the Munchies (2004)  
**ITV3**  
3.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 4.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.50 Foyle's War 9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 11.00 Cold Blood  
**ITV4**  
2.20 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 5.15 Live Pre-Season Football. Monaco v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 5.30pm). 7.35 Black Gold 8.30 Police. Camera. Action! 9.00 Hell on Wheels 10.00 Film: Get Carter (1971)  
**E4**  
5.30 The Mindy Project 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Suburgatory 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 Happy Endings 9.00 Film: My Stepmother is an Alien (1988) 11.10 PhoneShop 11.40 The Inbetweeners  
**Film4**  
2.45 Little Manhattan (2005) 4.30 Swiss Family Robinson (1960) 7.05 Monster-in-Law (2005). Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Janis Fonda. 9.00 Enemy at the Gates (2001). Second World War drama, starring Jude Law. 11.35 Adrift (2006). Thriller, with Eric Dane and Susan May Pratt.

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## Once Upon a Time

**Channel 5, 8pm**  
There's a new kid in town in the mystery fantasy but who is he? On the morning after the Dark Curse, he and his father enter Storybrooke in the year 1983, but find it hard to leave when Regina invites the pair to stay. When Kurt declines her offer, she makes Sheriff Graham arrest him for 'drunk driving' to ensure he sticks around anyway. However, after witnessing this, Kurt grabs his son, Owen, and runs for the border. Meanwhile, in present day Storybrooke, Regina is in mourning over Cora and determined to destroy Snow White.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **11.30** Live Cycling. **2.00** 9.00 News: Weather. **2.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.55** Eastlight: Flying High. (R) **3.55** Songs of Praise. **4.30** Live Cycling. **6.30** **Deadly 60 on a Mission.** Steve Backshall searches for lethal animals in Sri Lanka, encountering an elusive leopard, the mugger crocodile, the Indian rock python and the blue whale. Last in the series. **7.00** **Celebrity Mastermind.** Famous faces put their knowledge to the test. (R) **7.30** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **8.00** **Countryfile.** A visit to the Wyke Valley on the Welsh-English border, where Ellie Harrison goes rock climbing. Plus, a report on the controversial method of gas extraction known as fracking. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **9.00** **The White Queen.** A sudden, unexpected turn of events leaves Elizabeth devastated – and before long friends have turned into enemies and family have become murderers as they fight for the throne. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **10.25** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Satirical quiz. (R) **11.10** **Room 101 – Extra Storage.** With Terry Wogan, Phil Tufnell and Victoria Coren Mitchell. (R) **11.50** **The Sky at Night.** The team visits the UK's space cluster in Oxfordshire. **12.10** Weatherview. **12.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Film: Hindle Wakes. (1952) **7.30** Around the World in 80 Days. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **11.30** EastEnders. **1.25** Flop It! (R) **1.55** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **6.00** **Swimming: World Championships.** Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona. **7.30** **Porridge.** The inmates face a day of hard labour digging drains on a lonely stretch of moorland – but try to turn the situation to their advantage. (R) **8.00** **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson drives the Jaguar F-Type. Richard Hammond tests the latest Range Rover Sport and James May goes for an adventure in the New Bus for London. Last in the series. **9.00** **Das Auto: The Germans.** Their Cars and Us. Dominic Sandbrook traces the history of Germany's automobile industry and explores the role cars have played in changing the global perception of the country. **10.00** **The Real White Queen and Her Rivals.** Part two of two. The influence the three women had on the monarchy. (R) **11.00** Film: Irresistible. (2006) A paranoid housewife becomes convinced another woman is trying to steal her husband and takes drastic steps to protect her marriage. Thriller, with Susan Sarandon. **12.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.35** Holby City. (R) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. (R) **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **9.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Film: Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind. (1975) **12.55** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.55** Fool Britannia. (R) **2.25** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.55** A Touch of Frost. (R) **3.00** Film: Liar Liar. (1997). Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** With Eamonn Holmes, Ruth Langford and Brian Dowling. **8.00** **All Star Mr & Mrs.** The three couples competing are West End star Ray Quinn and his wife Emma, TV presenters Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton, and vocal coaches Carrie and David Grant. **9.00** **Law & Order: UK.** A woman's body is found in the Thames. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** **Perspectives: David Suchet – The Mystery of Agatha Christie.** The Poirot star explores the life and work of the crime writer. (R) **11.15** **Murder, She Wrote.** A friend of Jessica is charged with murder. (R) **12.10** The Store. **2.10** Monk. (R) **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV NightScreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Blancpain Endurance Series. **7.05** Ironman 2013. **7.35** World Trail Running Championships. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Deal or No Deal: Deafest. **2.30** Film: The Spy Next Door. (2010) **4.20** Film: Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief. (2010) **6.35** **Channel 4 News.** **6.55** **Ramadan Diaries.** Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan. **7.00** **Princess Diana's Dresses: The Auction.** The stories behind some of Diana, Princess of Wales's most memorable outfits, which were put up for auction, including a velvet gown in which she famously danced with John Travolta. (R) **8.00** **The Mill.** Esther arrives at court after assaulting overseer Charlie, while Susannah and Daniel get off to a bad start working together and Hannah attends an abolitionist meeting. **9.00** **Southlife.** New series. Drama set in a fictional market town where a shooting spree devastates the lives of residents. A reporter goes in search of answers. **10.00** Film: Forrest Gump. (1994) Oscar-winning comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks. **12.45** Film: The Good German. (2006) **2.30** The Island. (R) **2.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **3.50** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **4.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.55** Secret Eaters. (R) **5.50** SuperScrimpers.

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Neodym in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Sluggert. **11.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.30** Big Brother. (R) **12.30** BB BOTS: Ryan's Supervised Celebrity Sunday. **1.30** World's Worst Holiday Horrors. (R) **2.30** Film: The Rocketeer. (1991) **4.40** Film: The Man in the Iron Mask. (1998) **7.00** **Cricknet: The Ashes.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from Old Trafford, where the Third Test of the five-match series continued with the fourth day's play. **8.00** **Once Upon a Time.** Regina vows to kill Snow White for her part in Cora's death. **8.55** **5 News Weekend.** **9.00** **Big Brother.** Thriller with Wesley Snipes. **12.15** Love/Hate. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Meet Big. (R) **5.00** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **8.00** Shoplife **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** Family Guy **10.25** Family Guy: 200 Episodes Later **10.45** Badutts **11.15** American Dad! **BBC Four**  
**7.00** A Poet's Guide to Britain **7.30** Proms on Four: 20th Century Classics **9.15** Egypt's Lost Cities **10.45** Alan Whicker's Journey of a Lifetime **11.45** Fairport Convention: Who Knows Where the Time Goes? **ITV2**  
**3.00** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **4.55** Film: Step Up (2006) **7.00** Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) **9.00** Film: Whip It (2009) **11.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.55** Hell's Kitchen **ITV3**  
**3.00** Film: Carry On Girls (1973) **4.45** Wycliffe **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: Bird on a Wire (1990) **11.20** A Touch of Frost **ITV4**  
**11.15** Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.30** Goodwood Festival of Speed 2013 **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **Sevens 9.00** Film: Tango & Cash (1989) **11.05** Film: Tremors (1989) **E4**  
**3.35** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** The Mindy Project **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** New Girl **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Film: Maid in Manhattan (2002) **10.05** The Inbetweeners **10.40** Skins: Rise – Part One **11.45** Don't Trust the B-\*\*\*\* in Apartment 23 **Film4**  
**3.10** Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.45** In Good Company (2004) **6.55** She's the Man (2006) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.30** 12 Rounds (2008)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

##### The Thief of Bagdad, Channel 4, 1.05pm

A daring Arabian thief finds himself imprisoned with the deposed king, and together the pair devise a plan to escape and reclaim the throne – with a little help from flying carpets, a genie, a magical jewel and an enchanted mechanical horse. Fantasy adventure, starring Sabu, Conrad Veidt, Rex Ingram, John Justin and June Duprez. (1940)

#### TUESDAY

##### Cocoon, Channel 4, 1.05pm

The elderly residents of a retirement home treat themselves to an occasional dip in the pool at an abandoned house. It turns out that friendly aliens in human form are using the place to restore dormant members of their species – and energy from their cocoons is giving the old-timers a new lease of life. Ron Howard's sci-fi drama, with Wilford Brimley, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn and Steve Guttenberg. (1985)

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Inside Man, ITV, 10.35pm

A police hostage negotiator is called in when a robbery turns into a siege. The chairman of the bank involved is worried the mastermind behind the heist is set to disclose secrets he needs to stay hidden, so he enlists the help of a political fixer. However, the elaborate nature of the thief's plan looks set to keep him one step ahead of the law, and causes problems for the detective assigned to rectify the situation. Spike Lee's thriller, with Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, Jodie Foster, Christopher Plummer, Willem Dafoe and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (2006)



Inside Man, Wednesday, ITV, 10.35pm

#### THURSDAY

##### Final Analysis, BBC1, 11.35pm

A psychiatrist treats a woman who is repressing traumatic memories. He meets his patient's sister in the hope of learning more about their troubled childhood, but they end up having an affair. The shrink later learns his lover is married to a psychopathic gangster, and is drawn into a murderous plot. Thriller, starring Kim Basinger, Richard Gere and Eric Roberts. (1992)

#### FRIDAY

##### Bridget Jones's Diary, ITV, 10.35pm

A single woman begins a new year with resolutions to find love, give up her bad habits and step up the career ladder. Her plans crumble as she tries to deal with her mother's infidelity, get over a passionate fling with her boss and come to terms with her feelings for an uptight lawyer. Romantic comedy, based on Helen Fielding's novel, starring Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. (2001)

### Pick of the Week

## David looks for answers following a tragic event

The makers of Southcliffe must have been kicking themselves when they saw Broadchurch. Like the hit ITV drama, it's set in a small, close-knit, fictional town.

It features a tragic event that rips the soul out of a marriage, a national news reporter on the hunt for answers, and a community torn apart.

So, you could say that the producers of this new, four-part drama had their thunder stolen somewhat. However, once you get into the plot and characters, it's clear that actually, the similarities are superficial – unlike Broadchurch, it's not a whodunit; the killer is known right from the start – and it's more than capable of standing on its own two feet and winning a new set of fans.

Written by Tony Grisoni, who also penned Channel 4's adaptations of David Peace's Red Riding novels, it was directed by Sean Durkin, who came to prominence thanks to his acclaimed film Martha Marcy May Marlene.

Although many assumed he'd be

off to Hollywood to make something on a massive budget, Durkin preferred to return to the UK.

"I love being in the UK," he says. "I have lived in New York for 18 years, but coming back to England feels like home, and I have the chance to catch up with a few Arsenal games!"

"The whole preconception that making TV is different to film is ridiculous. You're filming drama with great actors, so there is absolutely no difference."

"All I ever want to do is create truthful moment after truthful moment. That's what directing is about: capturing something that is honest and engaging. I hope I have done that."

Southcliffe begins at dawn one morning, with the sound of gunshots. It seems that somebody has randomly opened fire on several locals, killing them and leaving their friends and relatives shocked and unable to deal with the tragedy.

As they attempt to handle their grief, reporter David Whitehead returns to Southcliffe, the town

where he grew up, in an attempt to find out what sparked the incident, and to deal with ghosts from his past.

"Southcliffe is not the story of the killer," explains Durkin. "It's the story of the journalist who goes back to report on the tragedy, and it's also about the people left behind, the community. It's about ordinary people."

Rory Kinnear plays the reporter in question, while the 'ordinary people' are portrayed by such luminaries as Eddie Marsan, Shirley Henderson and Sean Harris.

"I formed some fantastic relationships with both the cast and crew," claims the director. "When I started work on Southcliffe I didn't know anyone at all so it was like starting at a new school."

"Luckily for me, we had an incredible cast and crew working on this project and as a result of everyone being so collaborative and open it was a wonderful experience."

And in the process, he's managed to whitewash our memories of Broadchurch – for now, at least.



Rory Kinnear stars in Southcliffe, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

##### Celebs, Brands and Fake Fans: Channel 4 Dispatches Channel 4, 8pm

Companies don't spend thousands gaining a celebrity's endorsement for nothing. They know that fans of the personality involved are more likely to try their products if they're linked to somebody like them than if they weren't. But is every endorsement quite what it seems? Film-maker Chris Atkins isn't sure; he suspects that the rise and rise of social media has led to the development of underhand tactics by certain marketing specialists who are managing to manipulate such sites as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter to benefit their clients. But how are they managing to do this? Atkins travels to Bangladesh, where he uncovers some interesting, if disturbing, facts about the matter.

##### The Billion Dollar Wreck Hunt Channel 5, 8pm

Channel 5 has a canny knack for bringing us series after series focusing on the men and women around the world who have some of the most exciting jobs imaginable. Whether it's those Ice Road Truckers or the Deadliest Catch gang, these are people for whom danger and excess are in the job description. The station's latest daring doc kicks off tonight, with a three-part series focusing on the work of deep-water salvage company Odyssey Marine Exploration, as it attempts to locate and recover treasure from three shipwrecks. First on the radar is the SS Gairsoppa, a steamer that sank in 1941 – apparently carrying a fortune in silver bullion.

#### TUESDAY

##### Stephen Fry's Key to the City ITV, 9pm

We've heard the phrase 'A celebrity is granted keys to the city' countless times over the years, but what does it mean? "Well, you'll see in the film, there are supposed benefits, which may or may not be legendary, but let's just say I push the envelope," remarks Stephen Fry in this one-off documentary exploring his own privileges. He'll be touring the City of London, discovering the hidden mysteries of this rich and powerful square mile. Highlights include a trip to the Bank of England's vaults and drama at the London Metal Exchange as dealers buy and sell stocks. It's an incredible circle of people, yelling at each other so hard you think they're going to have apoplexy," he explains.

##### WEDNESDAY How Not to Get Old Channel 4, 8pm

If you want a consumer guide to the anti-ageing industry, then this show should be just the ticket. The first episode centres on ageing bellies and wrinkly eyes. Two people with specific worries have surgery in an attempt to turn back the clock. Anna Richardson tries out the latest fat-reducing treatments in an attempt to get her 20-year-old's thighs back. Plus, Louise Redknapp gets some tips from celeb make-up



How Not to Get Old, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

artist Charlotte Tilbury, and the unregulated world of dermal fillers also comes under the microscope. Like Cher, we may not be able to turn back time, but this show might give you some guidance on looking a few years younger at least.

##### Who Do You Think You Are?

##### BBC1, 9pm

In the mid to late 1990s you couldn't move for Minnie Driver projects such as Good Will Hunting and Hard Rain. Now 43, single mum Minnie lives in Los Angeles with her son, Henry, four. Her parents met in 1962 and were together for 13 years. They split when Minnie was six, and during that time her dad was married to somebody else and had another family. She didn't know her parents weren't married until she was 12 or 13. With such 'big gaps' in her family's history, Minnie wants to be able to fill them for her son.

Thanks to a book found at a Kent jumble sale, she has a lead to get started on her quest...

##### THURSDAY The Field of Blood BBC1, 9pm

The first series of The Field of

Blood, based on Denise Mina's best-selling books, was a success in 2011, so it's a surprise that it's taken so long for a follow-up to appear. But, as the saying goes, better late than never... Most of the original members cast are back, augmented by Katherine Kelly as Maloney, the tough new editor-in-chief sent to transform the struggling Daily News' fortunes. She could hit pay dirt immediately when Paddy, the focus of the first series who has now landed her dream job in the busy newsroom, and reporter McVie accidentally find a story that turns out to be red hot. Initially it seems to be a fairly standard domestic violence case, until links to kidnap, murder, political conspiracy and police corruption are revealed.

##### FRIDAY Celebrity MasterChef BBC1, 8.30pm

ITV's Ade in Britain, a charming mix of travelogue and cookery sketches, proved Adrian Edmondson is one of the best presenters on the box. Of course, cooking in some random part of the UK with his mini stove is one thing. Trolling over a dish trying to impress Gregg Wallace and John Torode is something else altogether. All of which preamble brings us to the latest helping, the second quarter-final. Reigning champion Emma Kennedy, 2011 winner Phil Vickery and 2010 finalist Christine Hamilton are helping judge the contestants' efforts in their final challenge – to prepare a two-course meal. By this stage, Ade could have been shown the door, leaving John Thomson, Phillips Idowu and Denise Black.

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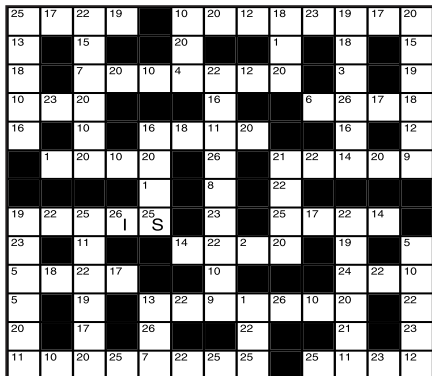


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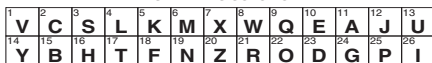
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

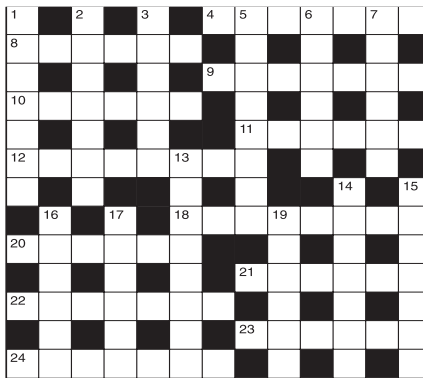
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

4. Present-day attitude about one kind of tissue (7)
8. A stretcher that's left lying about (6)
9. How the horse-man makes a street journey (7)
10. Innumerable forgotten relations are! (6)
11. The private soldier shows acrimony, we hear (6)
12. Ironmongery, and what it will stand, by the sound of it (8)
18. Wholesale slaughter - that's a service measure (8)
20. Gas tube twisted round an insertion (6)
21. A talker - but he's usually shut up! (6)
22. Endless mad rush created an impression (7)
23. He is third, but I am first (6)
24. Provide a new suit of clothes as compensation (7)

#### Down

1. More than one detective hustles all over the place (7)
2. Monumental figure having right physical height (7)
- 3 & 17 Dn. Appropriate implement a coward may use to strike a bird! (12)
5. I'd returned to emphasise the misfortune (8)
6. Closely studying Post Office telephone call (6)
7. Gloomy study to have a depressing effect (6)
13. The same term for electrical accessories (8)
14. She works at playtime (7)
15. Declining a musical adaptation (7)
16. Part of a period costume to create a commotion (6)
17. See 3 Down
19. They have a variety of means for going round the East (6)



### Quick Clues:

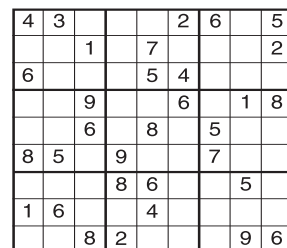
#### Across

4. Allure (7)
8. Required (6)
9. Projectile (7)
10. Look at (6)
11. Really (6)
12. Stimulating (8)
18. Left to choice (6)
20. Drive forward (6)
21. Wrench (6)
22. Broadcast (7)
23. Accent (6)
24. Relies (7)

#### Down

1. Disrobe (7)
2. Marine bird (7)
3. Dread (6)
5. Dusk (8)
6. Dwell (6)
7. Visitor (6)
13. Solitary (8)
14. Increase (7)
15. Slim (7)
16. Decorated (6)
17. Elf (6)
19. Communicate (6)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

8	2	9	1	5	3	4	6	7
3	5	4	8	9	7	5	2	1
5	7	1	2	4	6	3	9	8
6	8	7	3	2	1	9	4	5
1	4	5	6	8	9	7	3	2
9	3	2	5	7	4	8	1	6
2	5	9	3	8	1	7	4	6
7	1	9	4	6	5	2	8	3
4	9	8	7	1	2	6	5	3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Roof-gardens; 9 Awl; 10 Avalanche; 11 Ascot; 13 Twin-set; 14 Hangar; 16 Assist; 18 Trodden; 19 Royal; 20 Sure thing; 21 Hoe; 22 Merry widows. Down: 2 Oil; 3 Feast; 4 Awaits; 5 Diaries; 6 Necessity; 7 Parachutist; 8 Teetotaler; 12 Concourse; 15 Auditor; 17 On view; 19 Rigid; 21 Hew. QUICK - Across: 1 Predecessor; 9 Nip; 10 Timepiece; 11 Offer; 13 Imitate; 14 Cynics; 16 Egoist; 18 Ringlet; 19 Tight; 20 Eliminate; 21 Ago; 22 Alternately. Down: 2 Rip; 3 Deter; 4 Commit; 5 Sapling; 6 Operating; 7 Unconcerned; 8 Detestation; 12 Financial; 15 Collide; 17 Attain; 19 Treat; 21 All.



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**Bloxwich  
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● Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
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● Rear Garden

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**Willenhall  
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● Through Lounge/Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen  
● Front & Rear Gardens  
● Shower Room  
● Driveway with Garage  
● Double Glazing & Central Heating

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**Bloxwich  
Millfield Avenue**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen  
● Ground Floor Wet Room  
● Bathroom  
● Gardens  
● Parking & Garage  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £164,950



**Walsall  
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● Three Bedroom Detached  
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● Double Glazing & Central Heating  
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● New Fitted Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Gardens ● Garage & Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £120,000



**Walsall  
Alunwell Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Corner Plot with Off Road Parking  
● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Guest W.C.  
● Family Bathroom with Shower  
● Front, Rear and Side Garden ● Garage

In the Region of £119,950



**Bloxwich  
Blakenall Lane**  
● Extended Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Porch  
● Through Lounge/Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen  
● Shower Room  
● Utility  
● Family Bathroom  
● Rear Garden  
● Gated Off Road Parking

In the Region of £115,000



**Bloxwich  
Mulberry Place**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Two Reception Rooms ● Kitchen  
● Family Bathroom ● Front & Rear Gardens  
● Gas Heating & Double Glazing (Where Specified)  
● Off Road Parking & Garage

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**Willenhall  
Squires Grove**  
● Two Bedroom Coach House Apartment  
● Large Lounge/Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen with Breakfast Bar  
● Converted Garage ● Allocated Parking  
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £110,500



**Bloxwich  
Beeches Road**  
● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Refurbished Lounge ● Kitchen/Dining Room  
● Conservatory ● Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Off Road Parking with Access to Rear

In the Region of £104,950



**Bloxwich  
Harden Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Porch ● Fitted Kitchen  
● Lounge ● Kitchen/Diner ● Guest W.C.  
● Newly Fitted Bathroom with  
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Front & Rear Gardens ● NO CHAIN

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**Willenhall  
Lodge Street**  
● Extended Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Lounge  
● Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen  
● Dining Room  
● Extended Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Master Bedroom with En-Suite  
● Rear Garden with Patio  
● Area/Decking  
● Garage to Rear with Gated Access  
● Block Paved Driveway with Ample Park

In the Region of £99,950



**Willenhall  
Haley Street**  
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Lounge ● Kitchen/Diner ● Bathroom  
● Verandah/Utility ● En-Suite W.C.  
● Rear Garden with Patio  
● Off Road Parking for Two Cars

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**Willenhall  
Taverners Close**  
● One Bedroom House  
● Fitted Kitchen  
● Lounge  
● Dining/Sun Room  
● Double Bedroom  
● Bathroom with Shower  
● Enclosed Rear Garden  
● D.Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £87,950



**Bloxwich  
Dryden Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Porch ● Fitted Kitchen  
● Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Front & Rear Gardens ● Driveway  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £85,000



**Bloxwich  
Pershore Road**  
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Lounge ● Dining Room  
● Kitchen ● Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazed ● Central Heating  
● Rear Garden ● Off Road Parking

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**Bloxwich  
Newhome Way**  
● Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment  
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- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Garage

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- Gardens/Integral Garage & Driveway

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- En-Suite/Gardens & Off Road Parking

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**Willenhall  
Pattenham Close**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Allocated Parking

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**Willenhall  
John Riley Drive**

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge/Family Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- D.Glazing & Gas Heating/Driveway
- Integral Garage/Front & Rear Gardens

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**Walsall  
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- Lounge/Kitchen Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway/NO CHAIN

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**Walsall  
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- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
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## Triumph's Tiger burning bright



Born to run – the Tiger 800

**MOTORCYCLES are fast: for under £10,000 you can own a road-legal bike which will out accelerate any supercar costing ten times as much.**

And if you watch TV reports from the Isle of Man, you will know that even the camera crew's helicopter can't keep up with the TT front runners over the mountain course.

But what does this mean for us ordinary mortals who, if we used such performance potential on the public roads, would very soon be banned or buried?

In the real world, rapid acceleration is only part of the bike's key to cutting journey times down to size. It's also about agility – being able to filter past lines of crawling traffic, or to be first away at the lights.

I was starkly reminded of this when I accompanied a colleague to Triumph's factory at Hinckley, Leicestershire, to pick up a test bike, the latest Tiger 800.

I drove back in a one litre hatchback, which it has to be said, gave limited scope for overtaking on a busy A-road. My colleague took the bike – and was home a full 40 minutes before me!

According to an internet routing service, the distance was 51 miles and the estimated time one hour five minutes, although that very clearly doesn't take account of Friday afternoon traffic on the A5.

But since both car and bike faced the same

By John Griffiths

conditions and restrictions it does illustrate how much time you can save on two wheels, either when commuting or enjoying a trip to the seaside.

The Tiger is classed as an adventure or enduro type, designed for long journeys both on and off road, but its character makes it a consummate all-rounder.

Its three cylinder engine (a bigger capacity version of the 675 Street Triple's power unit) is torquey but tractable, with a slick and snatch-free six-speed gearbox, non-aggressive throttle and easy clutch.

The engine capacity was increased by lengthening the stroke, and while it's in a lower state of tune than the Street Triple it still turns out a useful

94bhp with the torque spread over a wide rev range. An average of around 50mpg wouldn't be expecting too much. Just two fingers on the brake lever gives you convincing stopping power, too.

At 210kg the Tiger is light, and well-balanced so you can trickle along, feet up, with confidence when negotiating obstacles and traffic. As an adventure machine, ground clearance is high and therefore so is the seating position. Seat height is adjustable between 810 and 830mm, and you can knock another 20mm off with an optional accessory saddle.



Stylish machine – Tiger 800 Crystal White

The riding position is upright for maximum comfort on a longer trip while also affording the best view ahead.

Behind the seat is a useful luggage rack, which doubles as a passenger grab rail, and naturally there is a full range of luggage on the options list.

Many of these attributes are essential to an enduro machine because you might well be riding on slippery

surfaces such as mud or wet grass. But they also work to make the bike easier, more comfortable to ride on the road, too, and especially if it's wet.

The same can be said of the long-travel suspension: Designed to cope with dirt tracks, it saves the rider from having his or her spine rattled on British B-roads, too.

At £7,499 for the standard Tiger (ABS – always worth it for me – is a £600 option) undercuts the German opposition which has dominated this sector of the market by some margin.

It's both cheaper and more powerful than BMW's F800 GS, for example.

Few adventure bikes ever venture seriously off road, but if that's your bag there's the Tiger XC version at £8,699 which comes with even longer travel suspension and larger (21 inch) front wheel. Or if you have more money to spend there's a Tiger derivative powered by the company's Speed Triple 1,050cc engine.

### Wheel to wheel

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## Westley in return to form takes honours

MARK WESTLEY returned to form to claim the honours in the National Express Walsall AC club match on the Silver Pool at Moorlands Farm.

Westley succeeded with a shallow and margin attack on peg 20, using banded pellet, and weighed in 43-6-0 of F1s.

Steve Lovell (Mosella Bait Tech) enjoyed a runaway success at Wednesday's Bilston AC Open event on the Owl Pool at Monkhall Fishery in Shropshire where he bagged 63-15-0 of common carp to 2lb on pellet from peg 1.

Alan Jordan (Bilston AC) took Wednesday's Wolverhampton AA VDE Evening Open in style, overcoming the blistering heat with a Gold Peg win on peg 1, having netted a rewarding 19-7-0 bag of caster and maggot attracted chub to 3lb.

Beechdale AC fished the Chestnut Pool at Pl Boldings in Bridgnorth on Sunday and Andy Sargent took the honours with 59-1-0 of corn captured carp to 4lb, caught down the edge off peg 23.

On Saturday, round 1 of the Wassell Grove Individual Summer League got underway on the Brook Pool in Hagley. Dave Johnson (Club 2000) poled pellet at 16 metres on peg 22, to land the match by one fish, with a substantial 90-12-0 bag of carp to 6lb.

## Gloves off in hunt to find keeper

WALSALL Football Club Academy is holding trial days to unearth the goal-keeping stars of the future.

Goalkeeping coach Neil Cutler said: "There is a real lack of young goalkeepers within the academy and we are hoping to find some talented keepers from the area."

"As a club, Walsall should be producing top goalkeepers for years to come and we want to take advantage of this great catchment area."

The first trial will be at City of Wolverhampton College, Wellington Road campus, on August 13 between 6-7pm.

A further trial will take place at Telford College of Arts and Technology, Haybridge Road, Wellington, on August 15 between 6-7pm.

Anyone of a decent ability level and aged between nine and 16 is welcome to apply. Interested parties should email [neil\\_cutler@hotmail.com](mailto:neil_cutler@hotmail.com) to register.

## Pitch deal for second string

WALSALL have agreed a deal to play their home reserve games at Chasetown this season.

The Saddlers will play their Central League West Division fixtures at The Scholars' Ground, in Church Street, starting with the visit of Wrexham on Wednesday, August 21.

Club secretary Dan Mole said the deal would help ease the burden on the Banks's Stadium pitch.

"We are delighted to have come to this arrangement," said Mole. "The facilities and standard of the playing surface are very good and we look forward to playing our second-string fixtures there throughout the season."

# Holden draws battle lines for first team



Dean Holden

VETERAN defender Dean Holden has said he is more than prepared for a battle to be part of Walsall's first team this season.

The 33-year-old is the oldest member of Dean Smith's squad and will be juggling the role of both player and coach this year, as he became the club's pro-development coach this summer, overseeing players aged between 18 and 21.

Holden knows he faces a fight with Paul Downing, a player 12 years his junior, for a place alongside skipper Andy Butler at the centre of the Saddlers defence.

But the former Oldham and

### Saddlers

Bolton star is more than confident he can give the younger man a run for his money.

"I'm ready for the battle. I've had them all my career and I wouldn't want it any other way," he said.

"I'm turning 34 in September and already there is another challenge for me there now, with the coaching."

"How many games can I get in the first team? How can I work the extra hours in with my coaching and my playing?"

"I feel with the experience I have

gained in my career I'm in a decent position to manage everything."

"We wear shinpads in training anyway," he added.

"It's something Richard O'Kelly is really strict on, so you it's not like you can go through someone on a Friday!"

The Saddlers have seen several changes over the summer, most of them coming along a front line which has been mostly rebuilt by manager Smith following the exits of Febian Brandy, Will Grigg and Jamie Paterson.

Holden says spirit in the Saddlers dressing room remains strong and

believes they are well-placed for a strong season.

"I think the mood in dressing room is one of optimism," he said.

"I think I've said it before, you want to go out and try to finish first."

"That is the ultimate aim. That's not mean to say you think you are going to be champions but you want to go out there to do as well as you can at the start of every season."

Afghanistan-born Dutch under-19 international Shabir Isoufi played 75 minutes in friendly at Chasetown. Saddlers boss Dean Smith was in the crowd to cast his eye over the 21-year-old midfielder.

## O'Kelly in praise of both sides for friendly

**Chasetown 0 Walsall XI 3**  
WALSALL'S Richard O'Kelly was quick to praise both sets of players after an entertaining friendly watched by boss Dean Smith.

Assistant manager O'Kelly said: "It was a really good game, played at a high tempo. Chasetown could easily have had three or four goals themselves. We just took our chances a bit better than they did."

Walsall took an early lead. Carlton McKenzie drilled a shot across keeper Ryan Price's body into the far corner.

The Scholars had a lucky escape when Tesfa Robinson conceded a penalty but Jake Heath's effort went wide.

Chasetown's FA Cup goal hero Danny Smith thought he had levelled, only to be denied by an offside call.

Craig Harris' men made a disastrous start to the second period. Central defender Chris Slater got his wires crossed with Price and slid the ball unchallenged into his own net.

Danny Griffiths sealed the victory with a right-foot shot in off Price's right-hand post just after the hour.

## Reedwood dominate Crusaders

**FC Reedwood Ladies 9 Crusaders LFC 0**

FC Reedwood kicked off their pre-season schedule with a 9-0 win against Birmingham side Crusaders.

The sides had previously met in the FA Cup last season where FCR sealed a 6-2 victory and place in the 3rd QF round.

This time around FCR were very quick out of the blocks, instantly pressurising the Crusaders' defence which resulted in a goal within the first few minutes.

A great effort by Megan Wilton from 20 yards out put FCR ahead and set the tempo for the game.

The defence kept a well-deserved clean sheet with the centre backs showing great strength and determination to win the ball.

The full backs were instrumental in attack offering support to the midfield and forwards. The nine goals scored were split between both midfielders and forwards.

FCR will face tougher opposition this Sunday at to Blackpool LFC. For more information visit [www.fcreeedwood.co.uk](http://www.fcreeedwood.co.uk) or follow us on twitter @fcreeedwood.

## Isoufi under microscope

WALSALL are running the rule over former Holland under-19 international midfielder Shabir Isoufi.

The 21-year-old, who was born in Afghanistan and has been on the books of Dutch giants Feyenoord, is on trial with the Saddlers and played the final 12 minutes of last night's friendly defeat to Nottingham Forest.

Blackburn Rovers' goalkeeper Seb Usai is another new trialist and played the second half of the game, as Saddlers' boss Dean Smith stepped up his search for another shot-stopper.

The 23-year-old Australian has never made a senior appearance for Rovers since signing from North Queensland Fury.

Isoufi was born in Kandahar but played for Holland.

# Welborn is facing his next test with Maxwell

**PRO boxing returns to Walsall on Saturday September 7 with British title challengers Jason Welborn and Max Maxwell in the main event at the Town Hall**

Rowley Regis' Welborn, who lost a British title shot to Frankie Gavin in January, will mark his permanent step up to light middleweight with a test against Maxwell.

Jamaican-born Brummie Maxwell was defeated in a revenge mission by Brian Rose for the 11st British belt last year and has also challenged for the English title that year.

by Craig Birch

The match could have been made for a Masters belt over 10 rounds and it's an all-West Midlands battle, pitting the naturally bigger man against the stone fists of Welborn.

He said: "I feel really strong at light middleweight."

"I was getting to the stage when I was finding it harder and harder to get down to welterweight," he added.

### Recovery

"I wasn't weight drained but I think light middle is a more natural weight for me."

"My power is better, my recovery in the corner round to round is better, everything feels better, which is a good thing."

"Maxwell has been around the block and is a tough kid. He's fought for the British title at this weight, so this is a good test for me."

On the under-card, Stafford's Rob Hunt boxes back at the venue where he made his pro debut in May 2006 with a one-round knockout of Ian Clyde.

The experienced welterweight, 27, will be 20 fights further on when he climbs out of the ropes where he made his paid bow at his

next fight night.

Cannock's Dave Egan will be looking for redemption when he boxes for the first time since he was counted out in his pro defeat two months ago. After that compelling scrap with puncher Mark McKray, 'Handsome Dave' will be looking to get back to basics and winning ways at welterweight.

Bloxwich's Luke Paddock boxes in his hometown for the first time and has grown in stature over three wins performing as a light welter so far.

Wolverhampton's Des Bowater is another fighter on the rise and the super feather 'Wedsfield Warrior' believes he can win a world title.

West Bromwich's Tom Stokes will be looking to kick on to his second professional win after making his debut at the same venue in May.

Tipton's Anthony Tildesley makes his debut at welter, while Stoke's Kevin Hanks takes on evergreen Brummie Sid Razak at lightweight.

Tickets, priced at £30 and £60 ringside, are available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900.

## Deals done and dusted, declares Dean



Walsall boss Dean Smith meets the fans during an open training session

DEAN SMITH has declared his summer dealings pretty much complete following the signing of James McQuilkin.

The 24-year-old former Hereford United midfielder became Walsall's fifth new signing of close season when he penned a one-year deal.

Boss Smith is still keen to add another goalkeeper before Saturday's League One curtain raiser with Tranmere Rovers but admits he is no longer actively seeking outfield players.

However, the Saddlers boss also confirmed funds are available should he need to add players further down the line.

"That's pretty much it. Unless someone jumps out at me, that will be it for the moment," he said. "But

there are still funds there to go and get somebody should we need it."

"The season kicks off Saturday and we are looking forward to that. We want to see how we go and how we shape up."

New man McQuilkin believes he has what it takes to earn a place in Walsall's midfield this season.

### Delighted

McQuilkin had been on trial during pre-season and is delighted to have secured a deal, having been without a club following his release by the Bulls in March. Smith already has a number of midfield options at his disposal with the likes of Adam Chambers, Sam Mantom and Nicky Featherstone all fighting for places.

McQuilkin believes he can add

something different but concedes he has arrived at the Banks's with something to prove.

"I definitely have a point to prove," he said. "I just want to play as much football as possible, that's what I love to do."

"Hopefully I will get the chance here and prove myself. I think I can fit into the squad and bring something new and I'm raring to go."

McQuilkin was invited in for a trial after getting in touch with Walsall assistant boss Richard O'Kelly, with whom he worked at Hereford.

A former Albion trainee, he made 88 appearances in four seasons at the Bulls and also had a spell in the Czech Republic with Tescoma Zlin.

"I'm delighted to have signed for a club like this," he added.



James McQuilkin

# Good day for Jack the lad Reid's stunner settles it

**Staffs Club Div 2  
Springvale 184 Rushall 185-3  
Rushall win by seven wickets**  
RUSHALL moved into second place in Division 2 with a comfortable victory over Springvale.

Rushall won the toss and invited Springvale to bat. They started slowly but surely, and despite losing a couple of early wickets, Antony Potts (31) and Maurice Dillon (50) gave their innings some backbone.

But with the run out of Dillon, the Springvale innings fell apart, as they lost the last five wickets for just 20 runs, finishing on 184. For Rushall, Ian Clayton (3-31) continued his good form, with support from his son Jack (3-41) and Jason Allmark (3-47).

Rushall were never under any pressure with their reply, as Andy Beech (60) and Jack Clayton made a century opening stand. Clayton eventually fell on 71 with just two

runs required for victory, as Rushall eased to a seven wicket victory with 10 overs to spare.

**Staffs Club Div 3  
Rushall 105 Cannock 106-2  
Cannock win by eight wickets**  
With a makeshift side Rushall suffered a heavy defeat against leaders Cannock.

Rushall won the toss and elected to bat and even though they lost an early wicket, Darren Stacy (27) and Andy Callaghan (36) rebuilt their innings. After Callaghan departed, things quickly fell apart as Rushall slumped to 105. For Cannock Kieron Squire finished with figures of 5-22.

Cannock's reply started positively, reaching 35 after five overs. But two quick wickets for Paul Hopkinson slowed their progress.

With one eye on the approaching rain, Cannock pushed on to secure the victory inside 20 overs – five minutes before the rain arrived.

**Walsall 1 Nottingham Forest 2**  
WALSALL'S unbeaten pre-season couldn't last but it still took a superb winning goal from Andy Reid to end it.

The former Spurs man volleyed home with 16 minutes remaining to condemn the Saddlers to a first defeat and give Jamie Paterson a winning return to the Banks's following his switch to the East Midlands.

Reid's winning strike completed a Forest comeback following Matt Derbyshire's first-half equaliser, after Sam Mantom had produced a 25-yard stunner to give the Saddlers an eighth-minute lead.

Although a repeat of the win against Leeds did not transpire, there was again plenty to admire about the Saddlers display.

Youngster Kieron Morris was a constant thorn and could have scored with his final touch before being substituted, as manager Dean Smith changed his entire team during

the game. Mantom's brilliant strike was also a moment to cherish and the ex-Albion midfielder later revealed he had dreamed about scoring such a goal.

"It was a sweet strike," said Mantom. "It's funny because I had a dream two days ago about scoring a goal like that, though it wasn't in this game."

James McQuilkin had already seen an effort blocked but the second time, the ball deflected to Mantom. With his first touch he knocked the ball forward and with his second sent a superb curling effort past former Walsall loanee Karl Darlow.

Forest were content to play the passing approach and eventually worked an opening to equalise as an unmarked Derbyshire headed home at the far post.

Forest held the upper hand during a subdued opening to the second period. Morris came close before Reid's sublime winner.



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McQuilkin last  
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## Wood's friendlies finished goalless

**Lichfield City 0  
Walsall Wood 0**

WALSALL Wood finished off their pre-season friendly programme in disappointing style, with a goalless draw at Lichfield City on Saturday in a hard fought encounter.

The match mirrored the score of their previous home match against last season's West Midlands League runners-up Lye Town on July 23.

Wood have released Michael Murray, Chris Lewis and Matty Barnett from last year's squad and Craig Deakin is shortly on his way to America for three months.

Flyer Tom Evans is progressing well after his cruciate ligament operation in May and hopes to be back to full fitness next year.

Drew Aitons' mystery back injury is improving slowly but Danny Owen may have to have surgery on his ankle injury picked up in the battle at Littleton in April.

Littletons' Joe Lolley, who was scoring freely for Kidderminster - including a hat-trick against Chasetown last Saturday - that he didn't manage a goal in the two games against Wood, says something for the quality of the defence.

Wood are at Shepshed Dynamo on Saturday, kickoff is at 3pm, followed on Tuesday when Tividale are the first visitors to Oak Park.

## Khalsa are taken down

**Hanley Town 2  
Sporting Khalsa 0**

WITH Khalsa shuffling the pack due to holidays and work commitments, it provided an opportunity for new players to stock up on match time plus try out some trialists.

The home side deservedly went ahead after 25 minutes.

In the second half Khalsa started to control the game and had a great opportunity in the 62nd minute when Liam Hughes beat the last defender and his shot was saved by the Hanley keeper.

Khalsa applied more pressure and Jason Woods went clear on goal and again the home side keeper made an excellent save.

In the last minute of the game Hanley was awarded a penalty which was converted to secure victory.

Khalsa's next friendly is away to Archdales 73 this Saturday, kick-off is 3pm.

## Pics come to the four against The Pitmen

**Hednesford Town 1 Rushall Olympic 4**

Hednesford Town were put to the sword by a Rushall Olympic side that looked like the higher-placed team as they defeated a below par Pitmen at Keys Park.

After an even opening it was the visitors who edged ahead when the pacy Ahmed Obeng raced on to a through ball from Craig Bannister to lob over the advancing Liam Mitchell.

The home side almost made an immediate response when Kris Taylor saw his 25-yard free-kick bring the best out of Chris Gemmell, who tipped the ball over the bar for a corner.

### Rushall Olympic

Both sides then had handball shouts inside the respective penalty areas, however, the officials saw nothing wrong and let play carry on.

Five minutes before the break, the visitors extended their lead.

### Dispatched

Obeng was judged to have been brought down by Sam Barnes in the penalty area and Bannister duly dispatched the spot-kick, sending Mitchell the wrong way.

Hednesford almost found a way back into

the match a minute into the second period when Neil Harvey was just unable to capitalise on a mistake in the Rushall defence.

However, the game was as good as over two minutes later when following a short backpass, Obeng was able to take the ball off Mitchell and slot home into an empty net.

Things got worse for the home side in the 70th minute when a low driven Kyle Haynes free-kick wasn't held by Mitchell and Bannister powered the ball home into the roof of the net to make it 4-0.

Hednesford managed to get on the scoreboard with 11 minutes remaining as Elliott Durrell slotted home from the spot after

Jamey Osborne had been felled inside the penalty area.

**Hednesford Town:** Mitchell, Disney, Campion, Barnes (Townsend 60), Francis (Bailey 60), Taylor, Osborne, Melbourne, Harvey (Rey 73), Rogan (Anagho-Ntamark 73), Woolfe (Durrell 54)

**Sub not used:** Macpherson

**Rushall Olympic:** Gemmell, Turner (Ravenhill 62), Woods (Tolley 62), Caines, Daniel, Downes (Craddock), Martin (Haynes 62), Palmer, Bannister (Taylor 87), Obeng, Bot-tomer (Stephens 70)

**Subs not used:** Thompson, Baggott  
**Attendance:** 239

## Villains win over Droitwich

**Droitwich 2 Pelsall Villa 4**

THE Villains sealed a 4-2 victory in their latest pre-season friendly which was at Droitwich.

Goals from Daniel Battison, Ben Lund, Ashley Bellingham and Alan Wilkes secured the win.

Manager Craig Timmins, said: "I was delighted with our first half performance.

"We made a number of changes after the break and that maybe knocked us out of our rhythm somewhat, but we can be pleased with how we acquitted ourselves.

"Our movement off the ball was good and we took our goals well.

"I thought Jim Lewis, Carl Morris and Ashley Bellingham were outstanding and the likes of Jamie Fox and Jordan Jaddu can be pleased with their contribution.

"We restricted our hosts to just a few opportunities and the goals we conceded came as a result of a lack of concentration.

"There is always room for improvement, and we will endeavour to work on certain areas in training, but I am pleased with how we are shaping up as the start of the new season draws ever nearer."

## Favourites tag for Jackett boys

KENNY JACKETT has tipped his Wolves young guns for glory as they were named as the League One bookies' favourites.

Online bookmakers bet 365.com have made Wolves 7-2 favourites for the top spot.

Head coach Jackett said "I've been very impressed with our young players. It's going to be a fantastic season and I'm very proud."

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# 'LITTLE OLD WALSALL' OUT TO SHOCK AGAIN

## DEAN SMITH is again out to make a mockery of reputations this season.

The Saddlers boss has made no secret of his view that League One is now a much tougher division to the one in which his side achieved a ninth-placed finish last term.

Billed as relegation fodder in August, Walsall ended April as one of the season's surprise packages while Smith was touted as a manager of the year contender. Despite having to rebuild pretty much his entire frontline over a summer, the 43-year-old is confident he again has a side which can give the big-boys a bloody nose.

"A lot of people look at us as little old Walsall," he said. "Last season we became a bit of a surprise package and we'll certainly be out to shock a few people again."

"But I don't think there is any doubt it will definitely be tougher this year."

### Exodus

"The three clubs who have come down are all strong, Wolves, Peterborough, Bristol City. There is also a bit of money behind the clubs who have come up. Bradford were in a Wembley cup final last season and will have made a bit of money from that."

With a healthy number of players signed before the season had finished, the Saddlers avoided the kind of exodus which has blighted summers of the past.

Smith can point to a defence and midfield which remains mostly intact and, more importantly, packed with young players who still have room to grow.

But while the losses may not have been big in number, they certainly were in name. Will Grigg, Febian Brandy and Jamie Paterson contributed a total of 40 goals last season. The latter was sold to Nottingham Forest,

### Saddlers

while Brandy and Grigg were both out of contract and departed to League One rivals - Sheffield United and Brentford respectively.

There can be no denying Smith and the Saddlers have moved on, and quickly and one of the keys to success this season will be how the rebuilt forward line performs.

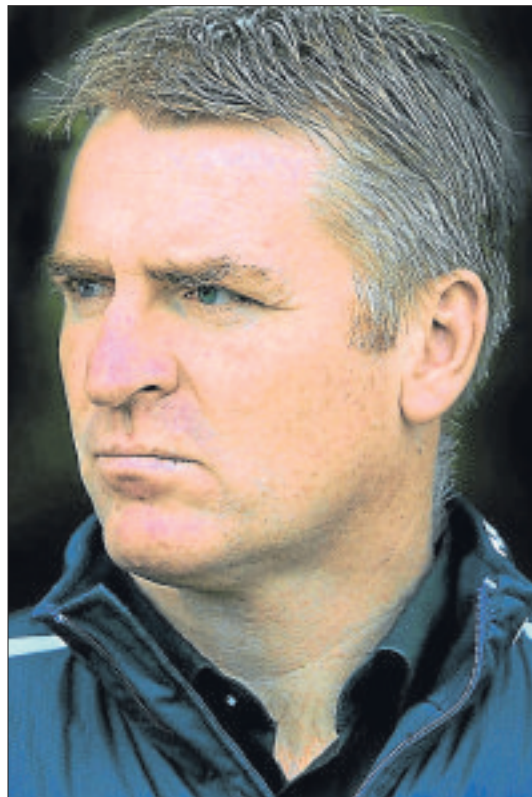
Alongside Craig Westcarr are two unproven yet hungry talents in Troy Hewitt and Romaine Sawyers, while by far the most high-profile arrival is Slovakia Under-21 international Milan Lalkovic on a six-month loan deal from Chelsea.

Another key acquisition looks like being keeper Richard O'Donnell as Smith attempts to end the revolving door policy which saw no fewer than four loan keepers used last season.

But the manager appears unfazed about having to replace players.

This summer's rebuilding job has been minuscule compared to 12 months ago, when at one stage only six senior players were on the books.

"This is about the fourth time I've had to rebuild since I've been here," Smith said.



Dean Smith is confident his Saddlers side can stun the big-boys



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**14 Shrewsbury Town (A); 21 Carlisle United (H); 26 Bristol City (A); 29 Gillingham (A)**

### January

**1 Sheffield United (H); 4 Oldham Athletic (H); 11 Tranmere Rovers (A); 18 Brentford (H); 25 Notts County (A); 28 Swindon Town (H)**

### February

**1 Coventry City (A); 8 MK Dons (H); 15 Peterborough United (A); 22 Crawley Town (H)**

### March

**1 Preston North End (A); 8 Wolves (H); 11 Crewe Alexandra (H); 15 Rotherham United (A); 22 Leyton Orient (H); 25 Bradford City (A); 29 Shrewsbury Town (H)**

### April

**5 Port Vale (A); 12 Bristol City (H); 18 Carlisle United (A); 21 Gillingham (H); 26 Stevenage (A)**

### May

**3 Colchester United (H)**

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